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Judge condemns 'political posturing'

Rates rebels lose appeals against huge surcharges

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The 81 Labour councillors who spearheaded last year's rates rebellion, yesterday lost their appeals in the High Court against massive surcharges and banning from office.

Lord Justice Glidewell found that many of the rebels from Liverpool and Lambeth councils were guilty of "mere political posturing". All had been guilty of "wilful misconduct" and were, therefore, liable for losses of more than £200,000.

Mr Justice Caulfield said the evidence of misconduct in Lambeth was "crushing" and that it had "reached a pinnacle of political perversity". Councils were creations of statute and not miniature Parliaments.

The judgement was one of the most important for many years and paves the way for the sweeping from office of some of the most controversial figures in local politics. Their fate ultimately will not be known until any further appeals that they may mount have been heard.

Those in court included Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth council, and Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader in Liverpool, and a supporter of Militant.

The judgement was greeted with anger which led to calls for silence. Mr Knight said afterwards that it had been a travesty and harsher than he had expected. He and his colleagues would wait for the full 28 days allowed before deciding whether to appeal.

Mr Hatton said: "The leadership of the parliamentary Labour Party and the right-wing of the National Executive Committee has to an extent ensured that we have been tried by the media."

The timing of appeals is significant because elections are due in all Lambeth seats and a third of those in Liverpool on May 8. If the rebels are disqualified, opposition councillors in both authorities will have majorities until elections are called and will have the power to reverse Labour policies.

The judgement also opened the way for further actions to recover court costs and further council losses, and could destroy the livelihood of most of the rebels, several of whom are unemployed or retired.

Mr Lionel Read, QC, for the Lambeth councillors, asked unsuccessfully for the auditors' costs to be awarded against the council rather than any of its members. He explained that the rebels were jointly and severally liable for the Lambeth surcharge of more than £100,000.

If some were unable to pay anything there would be a much greater burden on others. "An order for costs is capable of crushing literally many, if not all, of these appellants," Mr Read said.

The court's only concession was to cut the Lambeth surcharge bill by almost £20,000, for technical reasons. That still leaves the 81 rebels in both councils with more than £200,000 to pay in surcharges alone.

If further appeals fail, or if they do not appeal within 28 days, the surcharge is big enough to trigger automatically their disqualification from all council office for five years.

Mr Justice Russell said that the Lambeth bill should not have been cut. He was convinced, unlike his brother judges, that a political campaign against the Government by the rebels had been "their dominant motive from the start."

Lord Justice Glidewell said that delaying the fixing of a rate in Lambeth "contained an implied threat that services would deteriorate and that chaos would ensue". There was no evidence of intent to carry out the threat.

The Lambeth and Liverpool case dates back to the abortive Labour rates rebellion of last year in which 20 councils were briefly involved, and of which Mr Knight was one of the architects. The idea was to delay rate-fixing in unison in the hope of putting pressure on ministers to unlock more government grant.

Liverpool and Lambeth were chosen for ten cases because they delayed for longer than anybody else.

The Audit Commission which employs district auditors, indicated after the case that they might try to recover more money from the 81 rebels.



A startled Prince Andrew was given a surprise send-off by shipmates yesterday when he left HMS Brazen at Devonport for the last time.
About fifty sailors donned Biggles-style flying gear complete with goggles, flamboyant scarves and silly uniforms, for a rousing salute to the Prince. A chief petty officer, backed by a group with guitars, sang "I'm the King of the Swingers" from the film, The Jungle Book, – but with different words.
The Prince had marched on to the flight deck to shake hands with Captain Richard Cobbold, his commanding officer, and he whipped round in surprise when a band struck up, the hangar door slowly opened and 50 pairs of feet began dancing to a tune from the musical 42nd Street.

Societies hit back in home loan war

By Lawrence Lever

The battle for the mortgage market between the high street banks and the building societies hotted up yesterday when the three largest building societies — the Halifax, Abbey National, and Nationwide — abolished the half a per cent extra interest rate charged on endowment mortgages.

At the same time the Prudential, Britain's largest insurance company, announced that it was entering the mortgage market.

The three building societies said that the new rates — 12.75 per cent for both endowment and repayment mortgages — will apply to new borrowers.

Existing borrowers would be brought into line by at least June 1.

The move will cut £5.83 and £8.75 a month from net interest payments on a £20,000 and a £30,000 a month endowment mortgage respectively.

The gross interest payments on a £40,000 endowment mortgage will fall £16.67 a month to £425.

The move by the building societies is in response to the high street banks, which abolished differential rates last week, making their endowment mortgage rates cheaper than the building societies' rates.

The move, like that of the clearing banks, is timed to catch the traditionally buoyant demand for mortgages in the three months round Easter.

The Prudential — which expects to be lending mortgages at the rate of £500 million a year within the next few months, according to a spokesman — will also not charge differential rates.

However, the Pru's rates for mortgages below £50,000 will be 12.95 per cent — slightly more than the building society rates but marginally below those of the high street banks.

On loans above £50,000, the Pru's rates will be the same as those of the building societies at 12.75 per cent.

Mr Tim Melville Ross, chief general manager of the Nationwide, said, however, that he was concerned at the impact the fierce competition would have on mortgage rates.

The Nationwide's abolishing of the endowment differential, as a result of the banks' pressure, could well mean that any general reduction in mortgage rates this year would be smaller than it could otherwise have been, he said.

Two of the societies, the Abbey National and Nationwide, promised to bring the two rates into line should there be a move on interest rates before June 1.

General Motors leads five BL bids

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons yesterday that British Leyland's bankers had received five bid declarations for parts of the state-owned company.

But he refused to respond to MPs' questions about a timescale for decisions, in spite of firm Whitehall guidance that ministers want to tie up firm deals by the end of the month.

Although the cabinet sub-committee may force a climbdown, it is also assumed that the General Motors bid will be successful because it offers the prospect of a disposal of Leyland Trucks.

Mr John Smith, the Opposition spokesman, noted in the House that because of that link ministers had got themselves into a "hopeless bargaining position".

Mr Channon announced that the firm declarations received were:

- from Schroder Ventures on behalf of some institutions and certain members of BL management, for Land Rover, Range Rover and Freight Rover;
- from Lonrho, for Land Rover and Range Rover;
- from Aveling Barford, for Land Rover only; and
- from General Motors, for Land Rover, Range Rover, Freight Rover and Leyland Trucks.

He also said that the Laird Group and Aveling Barford were each discussing the possibility of buying Leyland Bus, in which certain members of management were also interested. There is a longer timescale for that potential sale.

Mr Channon said that he expected to receive BL board recommendations shortly and added: "The board and the Government remain anxious to end the present uncertainty surrounding these businesses as soon as possible."

He said repeatedly that decisions would be taken on the basis of the long-term interests of the different sections of the company, including Leyland Trucks.

It was also announced by Mr Channon that Mr Graham Day, the £85,000-a-year chairman of British Shipbuilders, is to take over as chairman of BL from Sir Austin Bide once decisions have been made "on the future of the main Land Rover-Leyland businesses".

Mr Day's new salary was not revealed.

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ANC flags fly at township burial

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

As many as 50,000 people yesterday attended the funeral in Alexandra, the black ghetto in northern Johannesburg, for 17 of the people killed there last month in riots and clashes with police and troops.

It was one of the biggest "political" funerals South Africa has seen.

Black, green and yellow flags of the outlawed African National Congress were prominently displayed, and were also used as palls for each of the coffins.

The proceedings began in a dusty football stadium in the centre of the township, with several hours of emotional speeches, punctuated with dancing, singing and chants of "Viva (Nelson) Mandela" and "Viva (Oliver) Tambo" (the ANC leaders).

The coffins were then carried in a mile-long cortège, which wound through filthy dirt streets, stinking with uncollected garbage and night soil, to the burial ground on a bare hillside overlooking the shanty town.

The funeral was unusual in the number of whites who attended. They included diplomats from seven Western countries, including Britain, Opposition MPs, and members of the Black Sash women's civil rights group and of the National Union of South African Students.

Councillors from Sandton, one of the neighbouring white districts, were also present.

The council gave 500 rand (£170) towards the funeral costs of each of the bereaved families.

There was a stir when Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the jailed ANC leader, arrived. Dressed in black, she was ushered to her place.

Mrs Mandela, who is restricted by a "banning" order from open participation in politics, did not address the crowd herself. In a message read on her behalf, she said: "No amount of bullets can stop an idea whose time has come. Over the blood of our sons and daughters, we march to freedom."

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, another formidable wife of a jailed ANC leader, drew cheers from the crowd when she described the Government as "frightened cockroaches" and "greedy vultures who want to feed alone".

A member of the Alexandra Civic Association, Mr Mac Lekota, told journalists that the bodies of 13 other people killed in last month's violence were in the local mortuary, still unidentified. They might be migrants, who had no relatives in the township.

The police, who said 23 people were killed in the violence, kept out of the township yesterday, but mounted roadblocks outside. Cameras were banned by the police, but many were smuggled in.

Avalanche kills 7 troops in Norway

From Tony Samstag
Oslo

Seven Norwegian soldiers died and seven others were missing yesterday after an avalanche buried a group of 27 infantrymen on routine Nato military exercises above the Arctic Circle in Norway.

More than 100 troops using dogs and helicopters were continuing the search in appalling weather conditions.

The avalanche, in the Vassdalen valley near the port city of Narvik, came in the wake of days of a very heavy snowfall, the spokesman said.

Although the snow had eased somewhat, high winds, heavy drifting and reduced visibility continued to hamper the search.

Some 20,000 troops from eight Nato countries are participating in "Anchor Express", the largest of the alliance's biannual Northern Express exercises.

The rescue centre at Bardufoss reported last night that 17 men, including the dead, had been flown to a hospital nearby.

Three of those buried by the avalanche were uninjured.

● LONDON: A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said last night first reports indicated that there were no British casualties.

Liverpool unions call for strike

Trade union leaders in Liverpool called on the 31,000 city hall workforce last night to join a one-day strike today in support of the 49 Labour councillors who lost their High Court appeal against disqualification and surcharge yesterday (Peter Davenport writes).

The call came from Mr Ian Lowes, chairman of the Joint Shop Stewards' Committee of council unions, and one of the 16 Labour Party members in the city to face expulsion over their Militant activities.

It was not clear last night what response the call had brought. The committee has represented only two main unions since the debacle of last year's attempted all-out strike, during the financial confrontation with the government that took the city to the edge of bankruptcy.

Those unions are the General, Municipal, Boilermakers' and Allied Trades Union, with 9,000 members, the largest local authority union, and the Transport and General Workers' Union, which has 2,000 members in the city.

A new umbrella organization, the Joint Trade Union Forum now represents 17,000 city hall workers from Nalgo, Nupe, the National Union of Teachers and the construction workers' union UCATT, and last night its leaders said they had not yet met to decide on any action.

They would wait to see whether the councillors intended to appeal.

Tomorrow

Change for the better



The 'bare boards' image of British betting shops is about to give way to carpeted comfort, showing racing live on television, and serving snacks

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio daily competition prize of £2,000 was not won yesterday so tomorrow the prize is £4,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, page 37.

Ten executed

Ten Nigerian military officers have been executed by firing squad for their involvement in a coup plot last December to topple President Ibrahim Babangida.

Child bride

Britain's immigration laws are to be changed to prevent a repeat of the case of a bride aged 12 brought into the country by her student husband Page 3

No smoking

Most people want new laws to insist that no smoking areas be provided at work and in restaurants Page 3

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Bank of England halts £1bn merger

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Plans for a merger between Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, and Exco, the money broker, which would have created a new £1 billion financial services conglomerate, were called off yesterday after talks with the Bank of England.

The news raises questions about the future plans of both firms.

The deal foundered on the Bank's insistence that it could not make an exception to the O'Brien provisions which limit the size of bank involvement in money brokers to 10 per cent.

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said yesterday that both companies were disappointed. Mr Bill Matthews, chief executive of Exco, said: "We have not entirely abandoned hope but we cannot see a way forward at the moment".

He said he hoped the banking community could be persuaded to change the O'Brien provisions in which case the two companies would revive their merger talks. "In the meantime, we are looking at alternatives in the financial services sector," he added.

This is the second time in a matter of days that Morgan Grenfell has fallen foul of Bank of England rules. Last Friday the Bank of England announced that banks could not buy strategic stakes in companies amounting to more than 25 per cent of their capital base.

The new rule was clearly prompted by Morgan Grenfell's activities in the Distillers and United Biscuits takeover battles in which it has taken large strategic stakes.

The failure of the merger plans has revived speculation that Exco's biggest shareholder, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Singapore businessman, will try to buy it.

● Share prices climbed sharply yesterday to push the FT 30-share index above 1,300 for the first time. It closed at 1301.3, up 20 points on the day.

● A target rate of about DM3.00 would be suitable for the pound, 6½ per cent lower than present levels, according to an influential independent committee. A majority of the committee favours immediate entry at this "central rate" to the European Monetary System.

The committee, chaired by Lord Croham (former Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and now chairman of Guinness Peat) unanimously favours public targets for the exchange rate.

Shares soar, page 17



Sport to aid famine fight

A global marathon race will be the climax of a Sport Aid week in May to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

It will be run simultaneously in 55 different cities and could be the biggest charitable event yet held.

Bob Geldof of Band Aid was among the team launching the event yesterday. Page 2

Doubt cast by Reagan on summit

Washington (Reuter) — President Reagan was quoted as saying yesterday that he would call off a planned trip to Moscow next year unless the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, came to the United States for a summit meeting this year. Mr Reagan's statement was made at a breakfast meeting with a selected group of reporters.

"I've got news for them," Mr Reagan was reported to have said. "There won't be a summit in Moscow" if Mr Gorbachov does not come to the United States this year.

Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan held their first summit in November in Geneva. They agreed to hold a summit in the United States this year and another in the Soviet Union in 1987, but have so far failed to agree on a date for this year's summit. Mr Gorbachov has suggested September. Mr Reagan has asked for June.

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MP learns of public money fraud charge

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, has told Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, that a person has been charged with a fraud involving the misappropriation of public money.

But the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Law Officers' department were yesterday unwilling to give details. It is understood to relate to the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Pensions for mustard gas war victims

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Up to 600 British sailors contaminated by mustard gas during an enemy bombing in Italy in 1943 are to receive backdated war pensions running into many thousands of pounds.

The move, costing the Government several million pounds, follows a fight by a Labour and a Conservative MP on behalf of Mr Bertram Stevens who was exposed to mustard gas at Bari Harbour when an American ship, carrying the substance to counter any attempt by the enemy to start gas warfare, blew up and sank.

Mr Stevens, now aged 64, was on HMS Vulcan, a supply ship serving motor torpedo boats, when the ship went down and "vapour" came across the harbour and hit them. It was only in December that it was finally admitted that the substance was mustard gas.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced last night that Mr Stevens, who has received a war pension only since November 1983, would have it backdated to when his symptoms due to the Bari incident first showed themselves.

That is understood to be at least as far back as the early 1960s and it was said last night that Mr Stevens can expect to receive a lump sum running into five figures.

Mr Fowler added that the cases of the 600 or so other casualties who were contaminated by mustard gas in the bombing would have their cases investigated to see whether similar action was appropriate.

Dr Oonagh McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock, said last night she was absolutely delighted: "I am not only pleased for Mr Stevens but also hope that the other 600 men who were on board that ship will get the same treatment".

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East who was also involved in the campaign, said last night: "It is honest and decent of the Government to have acknowledged the anomaly and to have made restitution. I am quite delighted that they have done it."

Mr Stevens, who now receives a £37.50 a week war disablement pension, regularly has to take oxygen because of his illness. His wife, Betty, said last night that it had been a week after the bombing before her husband was able to get treatment.

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Fowler sacks Labour health chief pursuing Tory policy

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A health authority chairman who was effectively forced out of the Labour Party for pursuing government policies on the health service has been told by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that his appointment is not to be renewed.

Mr Sam Dougherty, chairman of Wandsworth health authority, has been told his appointment is to end in the coming round of appointments and re-appointments of chairmen of the 190 district health authorities, even though he wished to continue for another four-year term.

Dr John Todd, chairman of Canterbury and Thanet health authority, has also not been reappointed in spite of wishing to continue, after he spoke out about the financial difficulties his district was facing.

The effective dismissals come amid fears by health authority chairmen and officers that health ministers are trying to replace chairmen who have fought publicly for more resources with "safe Conservative hands".

They believe that the Government wants to stop health authorities "rocking the boat" about NHS cuts as the general election approaches.

Wandsworth, as a losing inner-city district, has had its share of disagreements over resources, and ministers are understood to be reluctant to renew the appointments of at least two other inner-city chairmen in London whose authorities have resisted cuts.

Mr Dougherty was described by a fellow chairman who is a Conservative Party supporter yesterday as "a first-class chairman who was virtually expelled from the Labour Party for implementing hospital cuts".

He added: "It really does look as though ministers do not want chairmen who are going about making a fuss.

"It looks as though they are appointing chairmen on political rather than health service grounds."

Mr Dougherty, who has been chairman of Wandsworth for just over four years, presided over the closure of the South London Hospital for Women.

He used his casting vote to push through privatization of cleaning services at Springfield mental hospital, which saved £100,000, and has cut about £8 million from the health authority's revenue budget over four years as the district has had to surrender funds to other parts of the health service.

Mr Dougherty, a former mayor of Wandsworth, came under heavy pressure from his local Labour Party to resist cuts, but said yesterday: "Because I was appointed by the minister it was my duty to carry out the policy of the Government."

He said that he had left the Labour Party after more than 30 years because of the pressures to which he was being subjected, and which were making it very difficult for him to continue his job.

Attacks on NCB over pay and closures

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The National Coal Board found itself under attack yesterday by pit managers worried about needless colliery closures, and by the breakaway miners' union which is to take legal action over wage-rise anomalies.

The British Association of Colliery Management, in a highly critical written submission to the Commons Energy Select Committee, attacked the board's "fetish" with market forces, which it said was against the long-term interests of the industry and the economy.

The association, which represents 14,000 middle and senior coal industry managers, said that it did not disagree with the board's desire to eliminate government subsidy. But if the strategy was implemented too literally, "the effect will be to unjustifiably increase the rate of closure".

"We are concerned that the board's new strategy is deficient in a number of respects and that it reflects an essentially reactive and short-term response to the industry's problems", the association said.

The strategy meant that surplus capacity could be eliminated, even if it was economic, because of market availability.

The pit managers recommended that the maximum use of coal should be encouraged, particularly in the public sector and by the British Steel Corporation. Coal imports should be discouraged.

The disclosure that the Union of Democratic Mineworkers is taking action against the board's refusal to pay some members an agreed wage rise was made by Mr Roy Link, its general secretary, who said that large proportions of its management did not want to recognize the new union and tried to pretend it didn't exist.

He told the Commons Energy Select Committee that the NCB recognized the UDM in areas where the union had more than half the miners as members. But in other regions, even where there was a substantial minority of UDM members, the board would not recognize the union or pay them an agreed wage rise.

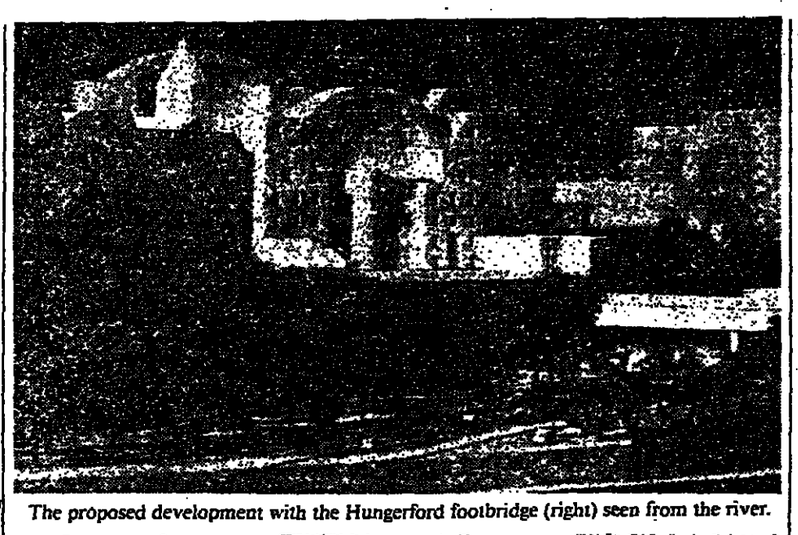
Mr Lynk told the MPs that the NCB was not paying over the extra cash because they did not want to.

The pay increase of £5.50p a week plus a shift bonus was accepted by leaders of the UDM last November. It has been paid to miners in Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire where the union has a large membership, but with certain exceptions has not been paid to members elsewhere.

The NCB confirmed last night that it had received a writ from Mr Lynk's union.

Correction

Contrary to our report of February 8, the publishers of *Eastenders* magazine, defendants to a High Court copyright action by the BBC, are Choice Publishers Limited, and not Choice Publications.



The proposed development with the Hungerford footbridge (right) seen from the river.

Charing Cross facelift

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Plans for a £100 million development and urban renewal scheme at Charing Cross station, London, were unveiled yesterday by Mr Terry Farrell, the architect, on behalf of Greycoat Group and British Railways Board.

The scheme, called the Charing Cross Centre, is being submitted to Westminster City Council for planning permission this week. It covers several acres between the Charing Cross Hotel on the Strand and the River Thames Embankment point.

Air rights have been granted by British Rail for offices over the station concourse. They will have a vaulted roof similar to the original one, which preceded the supposedly temporary flat roof built in 1905.

The Hungerford pedestrian bridge over the river will be linked to the concourse, and covered escalators will connect it to Villiers Street, to the east.

Embankment Gardens will be opened and the bandstand moved, and anamphitheatre is proposed at the York Watergate arch.



Mr Farrell (left), with Mr Geoffrey Wilson of Greycoat

The offices, with new buildings on Villiers Street, will total 430,000 sq ft, and run the length of the station, behind the listed hotel by Barry.

Work already being done on the station will be accelerated, but not as part of the scheme.

Vaults beneath the station will provide 47,000 sq ft for shops, other commercial use, the rebuilding of the Players Theatre, and a sports centre.

Virtually nothing will be demolished if the proposals go ahead.

Armstrong on the defensive over leak

By Stephen Goodwin
Political Staff

Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, was involved in angry exchanges before a Commons select committee yesterday.

He again defended the role of senior Civil Servants in the leak of the Solicitor General's letter during the Westland affair.

He told the MPs that officials at 10 Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry had paid "a considerable price" in terms of anxiety and public exposure.

But although Sir Robert regretted their failure to recognize the sensitivity of the critical letter to Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, he did not think it warranted disciplinary proceedings.

At one moment during his cross-examination Sir Robert was told by Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East, that he was surrounded by "a sea of outrage".

It was the Cabinet Secretary's second appearance before the defence committee.

Sir Robert conducted the inquiry into the leak of Sir Patrick Mayhew's letter on January 6, but has steadfastly refused to name the top officials involved.

Members of the committee had no such qualms, constantly referring to Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, Mr Charles Powell, a private secretary in her office at No 10, and Miss Colette Bowe, head of information at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sir Robert condemned Dr Gilbert's description of events as "grossly unfair".

He said that the officials concerned all had the authority of a minister (Mr Brittan) who had accepted full responsibility for "the fact and form" of the disclosure. He had never considered resigning himself.

Licence given to genetically fixed drug

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The first genetically engineered drug to receive a licence in Britain has been approved by the Committee for the Safety of Medicines.

The compound belongs to the family of interferons, the group of molecules which the body produces naturally during virus infections.

Permission was granted for the use of the substance called Wellferon specifically for the treatment of an uncommon condition known as hair cell leukaemia.

The drug has undergone extensive trials by groups in London, Cambridge, Exeter, Portsmouth, and Maidstone who were working with Dr Daniel Catovsky of the Medical Research Council's Leukaemia Unit at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

At a meeting of the Royal Society in London last night the development of interferon was described from its laboratory discovery nearly thirty years ago to its refinement by the Wellcome Biotechnology, at Beckenham, in Kent, as an anti-cancer drug.

Interferon was the first anti-viral agent discovered in research at the National Institute for Medical Research in north London, in 1957.

The Wellferon preparation has also been effective in eliminating warts that have resisted other treatments and as an additional aid in overcoming the problems of infection among patients undergoing organ transplants.

Herbage fails

Mr Alex Herbage, the international financier awaiting extradition proceedings to the United States on 46 million dollar fraud charges, yesterday lost a High Court bid to be released from Pentonville prison where he has been in custody since since last October.

£2m for care

Caring organizations in Britain are getting nearly £2 million from the European Community's £18.8 million anti-poverty fund, it was announced in Brussels yesterday.

Honeyford job

The post held by Mr Ray Honeyford, who retired as head teacher of Drummond Middle School, Bradford, West Yorkshire, after a race row, is to be readvertised because no suitable candidates have applied.

Jail reopens

Winchester Prison reopens to visitors and resumes moving prisoners to courts today after being closed on Monday when two cases of meningitis were discovered among inmates.

Rail talks call

Rail union leaders have decided that British Rail's 5 per cent "final" pay offer is inadequate and they are to seek urgent talks on behalf of 120,000 rail workers.

Sweet warning

Police warned parents in Bristol yesterday to watch for fudge spiked with cannabis resin that might fall into children's hands after the sweet was found in a raid.

MP pulls out

Mr John Forrester, the Labour MP, has pulled out of the re-selection battle for his Stoke-on-Trent North seat.

Correction

A headline on February 20 wrongly implied that the Commission for Racial Equality had declared unlawful an advertisement by Dwyfor council; the commission is still considering the advertisement.

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Judges in 'checks' dispute

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A group of lawyers is divided over the merits of a proposal which would allow the ombudsman to investigate complaints against judges.

The committee, set up to recommend reforms on the administration of the courts, has failed to reach a united view on the proposal which was made to meet public concern that the present system offers no channel for such complaints.

But it is expected that in its forthcoming report the committee will recommend unanimously that the responsibilities of the Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's Department for the administration of justice be merged into one department.

That at least would eliminate the confusion arising from the present split in responsibilities which often means that complainants do not know where even to send their complaints.

At present the ombudsman, or Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, can investigate things done on behalf of the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Home Office, provided the aggrieved person cannot take the matter to court.

But he cannot investigate things done by or on behalf of judges.

Several members of the committee were concerned that there is no way someone can complain about a judicial decision, although they can complain about one by a court official.

Many complaints concerned the behaviour of judges and a majority on the committee felt that, as misbehaviour in the public service amounted to maladministration, one remedy was to extend the jurisdiction of the ombudsman.

But a minority group was concerned that such a proposal would pose a threat to the independence of the judiciary.

Teachers' pay panel sets date

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The three men appointed by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) to look at the long-term problems of teachers' pay and conditions begin their deliberations tomorrow.

The panel is due to meet the teachers' unions and local authority employers for the first time in the afternoon, provided the pay settlement is ratified today, as expected, by CLEA/ST, the conditions of service negotiating body.

The five teaching unions which signed the pay settlement on Monday are hoping that the talks, scheduled to take six months, will bring the big salary increase they have been demanding. The employers for their part hope that they will decide once and for all what teachers are required to do contractually.

The biggest teaching union, the National Union of Teachers, which is not a party to the settlement, has been invited by Acas to take part in the talks informally, and it is expected to accept.

Sergeant suspended by Yard

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A police sergeant was suspended yesterday by Scotland Yard officers investigating the case of five north London youths beaten up two years ago outside a funfair by officers from a district police van.

The officer, based at Hampstead, has been suspended "pending further inquiries".

Last month four constables in their twenties were charged with conspiracy with others to assault the youths.

The five were attacked by officers from a patrolling van in Holloway. Two had hospital treatment.

Three inquiries were held to try to trace the culprits but investigators did not get beyond the fact that the attackers came from one of three police vans in the district until a confidential telephone line was set up.

Doctors urge Pill confidence

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association yesterday urged the General Medical Council to reconsider its advice to doctors to tell parents when a girl aged under 16 seeks contraceptive advice if they consider her too immature to understand the issues involved.

The council of the BMA also reiterated its advice to doctors that they must maintain the girl's confidentiality even if they decide she is too immature to receive the pill or other contraceptive treatment.

Dr John Marks, BMA council chairman, said it was their view that doctors should keep the consultation confidential. "The GMC's advice is that in those circumstances he may inform the parents of the consultation if he considers that is in the girl's best interests."

The GMC is planning to review its guidance on about treatment for under age girls. The Department of Health is expected to issue its new guidance today after last year's ruling by the Law lords.

Meanwhile, doctors yesterday backed the right of patients to have access to their medical records, but with some reservations. Under the Data Protection Act, health ministers have to decide the extent to which patients should be allowed access to their medical records.

The BMA council proposed that patients should be given access to their records, subject to the discretion of their doctor, and, if they are not satisfied with the information, they should have the right to seek access through an independent doctor of their choice who would look at the record for them.

In the last resort, patients could bring a court action to seek access to any information

Further Anglo-Irish talks

Unionist alliance under strain

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Britain and the Irish Republic will hold a further session of the Anglo-Irish conference within two weeks in spite of demands from Unionists for the agreement's suspension.

The fourth full meeting of the joint ministerial conference, between Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Peter Barry, the republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, is expected to be held in Belfast, and signals the Government's determination to implement the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Although Unionist leaders appealed for a suspension of the deal, or "some of the mechanism", to allow negotiations on devolution to begin, both governments are committed to implementing the agreement.

There are growing indications that the Government is taking seriously the possibility of a change in the Unionist leadership after the violent day of action, which even moderate Unionists privately admit backfired disastrously.

The tactic ended the growing pressure that was being put upon Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to be more conciliatory towards Unionists. While the role of the Royal Ulster Constabulary dampened SDLP enthusiasm to support the security forces.

Meanwhile, the uneasy alliance between Northern Ireland's two main Unionist parties is under growing strain which many suspect will lead to a split.

In spite of loud protestations of friendship, the Official Unionist Party is unhappy at finding itself locked in an embrace with the Democratic Unionists.

So far both parties and their leaders, Mr James Molyneaux and the Rev Ian Paisley, have managed to paper over cracks, but this is becoming increasingly difficult after the day of action degenerated into violence.

Mr Molyneaux, of the OUP, made a strong denunciation of the hooliganism and intimidation, taking his allies by surprise.

He then publicly highlighted the division between his organization and that of Mr Paisley by insisting his party would not back a similar day of action. Mr Paisley made no such pledge, nor did he rule out further industrial stoppages.

The division between the two men, who have recently taken to calling each other "my good friend Ian" and "my colleague Jim", was the first public sign of differences.

A soldier was killed and another seriously injured when an Army Land Rover was struck by a train on a level crossing in Co Londonderry. The soldiers were sitting in the back of the vehicle, which was returning to the Shackleton Army camp at Ballykelly during the night.

Acrimonious disputes have punctuated meetings of the working party designing a strategy of opposition to the agreement, with Official Unionists expressing concern at some of the ideas to escalate the campaign.

Official Unionists have been alarmed at suggestions to picket the homes of those refusing to leave government appointed bodies running education and health.

In keeping with the different backgrounds and philosophies of the parties, the younger, brasher DUP members have accused the Official Unionists of lacking the stomach for a fight.

Global race to fight famine

By Paul Vallely

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to take part in a global marathon race in May. It will be run simultaneously in 55 different cities at the end of a week of fund-raising called Sport Aid.

Plans outlined yesterday could make it the biggest charitable event yet held.

The race, which is being organized jointly by Band Aid and the United Nations, seems likely to raise amounts similar to those collected after last year's Live Aid concert when 100 million dollars was contributed towards famine relief and development work in Africa.

It was launched yesterday by a team which included Bob Geldof of Band Aid, Mr James Grant, the executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Sebastian Coe, the Olympic gold medallist, Bryan Robson, the captain of the England football team, and Bobby Charlton, the former England international.

Bob Geldof called for schools, clubs, offices and local authorities to organize parallel unofficial events to coincide with the official races which would be linked by television.

The week's sporting fixtures are expected to include appearances from most of the world's leading sportsmen.

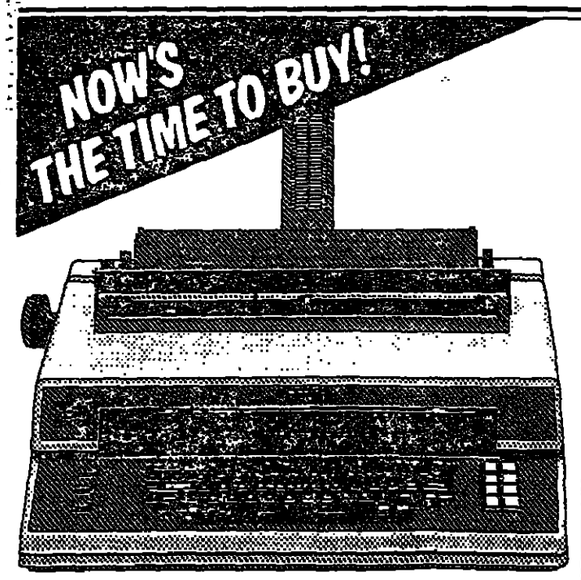
Countries which have already confirmed their participation in the simultaneous race against time include Australia, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Tanzania, the US and most European countries.

Sport Aid will be inaugurated by an Ethiopian runner who will light a torch from the fire of an Ethiopian refugee camp and then run with it through 12 European capitals and arrive in New York on May 25 on the eve of the UN General Assembly's first special session on Africa.

Before the UN headquarters he will light the fire which, televised all over the world, will be the signal for the race to begin in each place, irrespective of the time of day or night.

In each city the course will be 10 kilometres long to symbolise the 10 years of effort needed to halve the child mortality rate in Africa.

Sport Aid is being co-ordinated through the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.



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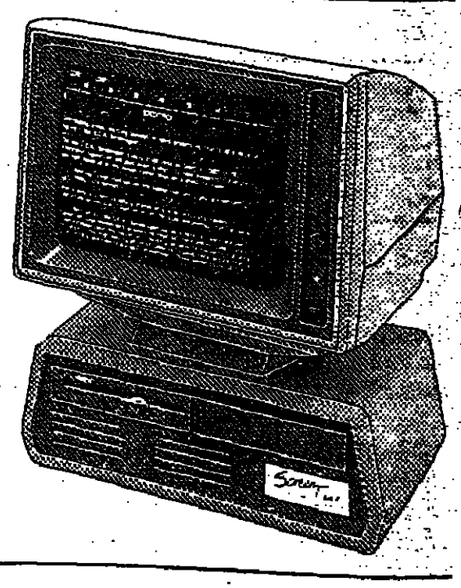
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Most people want law on smoking at work and in restaurants

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Smoke-free areas at work and in restaurants should be provided by law, according to a *Which?* survey published today.

Fifty-eight per cent of the those questioned believed that employers should have to provide smoke-free areas at work.

More than half the smokers in the survey and three-quarters of the non-smokers believed restaurants should also be legally required to have no-smoking areas, *Which?* says in its survey on attitudes to smoking.

The magazine says that apart from the cost of smoking – £20,000 over a lifetime for a typical smoker in their twenties – there is now an overwhelming consensus among medical experts about the dangers of the habit.

Non-smokers do have some health grounds, apart from irritation and discomfort, for objecting to being exposed to other people's cigarette smoke, the magazine says.

There was now "considerable support" from both smokers and non-smokers for a ban on smoking in most public places.

Only in pubs did most smokers and a large minority of non-smokers feel that a ban was not a good idea.

Which? says there is still a controversy about the danger of breathing other people's cigarette smoke, but that a picture of the risks is beginning to emerge.

People who already suffer from lung or heart disease can have their condition aggravated.

Second-hand cigarette smoke also was clearly irritating.

In *Which?*'s survey of 1,254 people in 1984 and a further 813 interviewed in 1985, two-thirds of non-smokers said they were sometimes irritated by second-hand smoke and even one in four smokers said they too found other people's smoke irritating at times.

Regular smokers cut five years off their life expectancy, and for those who start young and never give up the figure is 10 to 15 years.

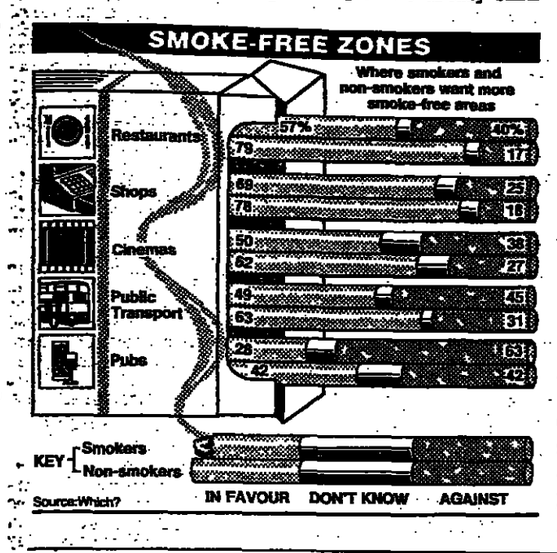
One in four regular smokers dies from the habit. Two of the remaining three have their health impaired; and a smoker aged between 35 and 60 is twice as likely to die within the next year as a non-smoker.

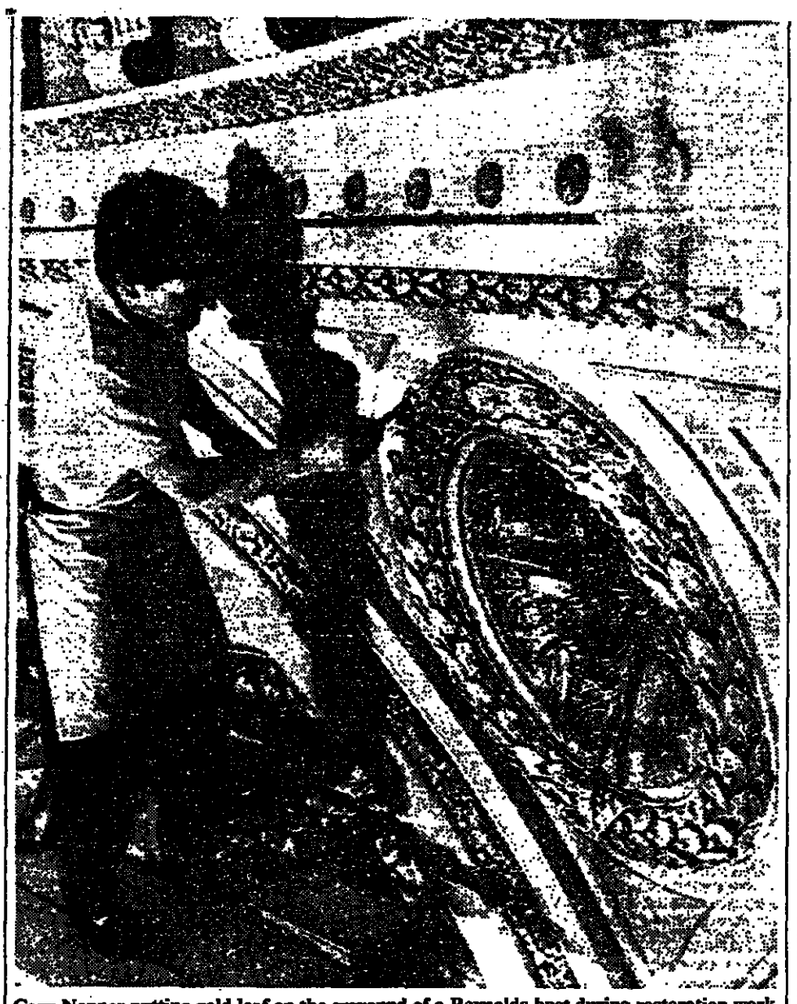
The survey found that three-quarters of adult smokers want to quit or cut down, only one in 50 smokers is glad they started, and three-quarters say they wish they never had.

But the Tobacco Advisory Council yesterday claimed there was no proof that the health of non-smokers was harmed by second-hand smoke.

Publishing its own assessment of the scientific evidence, it said that banning smoking in public places or at work "simply cannot be justified on health grounds".

● Unions and management at John Player, the Nottingham-based tobacco company, yesterday attacked a smoking ban planned by city councillors because the firm provides work for 3,200 people.





Gary Napper putting gold leaf on the surround of a Reynolds bust during restoration work on the National Gallery's octagonal dome yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Child-bride case forces review of immigration laws

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Changes in the law were promised yesterday to prevent recurrence of a case in which a bride, aged 12, was brought to Britain by her husband.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, said in a radio interview that Home Office officials were working "right now" on the matter. The police have also begun an investigation.

Manchester City Council said yesterday that teachers at Levenshulme High School knew of her circumstances when she was enrolled, but were concerned only for her education.

The girl, Elham Bahrami, has been at the school since arriving in Manchester, where she lives with her husband, Mohsen Nikbakht, aged 27, a trainee pharmacist, in a flat in the Whalley Range area.

The council's education department said yesterday: "As she is not an illegal immigrant we have a duty to educate her. If any criminal act is taking place it is a matter for the police to investigate." He confirmed that the school was aware of her circumstances and had sought the department's advice before registering her.

As MPs called for action, a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said: "The matter has been brought to our attention and we are making immediate inquiries".

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, and an anti-child sex campaigner, is to ask Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, why the girl was allowed into Britain as a spouse.

Mr Nikbakht, a student at North Trafford College of Education, was quoted in *The Sun* yesterday as saying that he had shown his marriage certificate at the British Embassy in Tehran.

"They told me my case was unique and there was no law to cover the situation. The only problem was when we arrived at Heathrow and the immigration people interviewed us for an hour," he said.

The Home Office said yesterday that immigration rules allowed the wife of a man lawfully in Britain to be given leave to join him.

"Marriages are only recognized as valid here if they are valid under the law of the country in which they are contracted and the parties are domiciled there", a spokesman said. A person need not be residing in a country to be classified as domiciled there.

The case was not drawn to the attention of Home Office ministers until last Tuesday. The couple are said to have come to Britain 15 days after their marriage in January.

Questions to be tabled by Mr Dickens will ask the Attorney General whether he will initiate a prosecution of Mr Nikbakht for allegedly having intercourse with a girl aged under 16.

He will also ask Mr Hurd what his policy is on admitting child spouses to the United Kingdom, why Elham Bahrami was permitted to enter the UK as a spouse in spite of her age, and how many child spouses are known to have been allowed to enter the UK in each of the last five years.

Nursing manpower

Action call over 'shortage'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

There is significant scope for more efficient and effective deployment of nurses over the whole of the National Health Service, the Public Accounts Committee says in a paper published yesterday.

But at the same time it says that there is the prospect of a telling shortage of nurses in a few years and the Department of Health must "consider urgently what needs to be done".

The committee says it is worried by evidence from the Royal College of Nursing that changes in the age structure make it likely that there will be a significant fall shortly in the number of women aged 18 entering nursing.

At the same time 35 per cent of those who enter nurse training fail to qualify.

The Department of Health confirms that there could be "trouble with the nursing supply" in two years' time.

While agreeing that nursing manpower is unevenly distributed, the department has no more idea now than it had 17 years ago whether the NHS employs too many or too few nurses, which it finds disturbing, the committee says.

"The prospect of a future shortage of nurses is a most serious matter of direct importance to patients. We expect the DHSS to consider urgently what needs to be done, calling upon whatever expert advice is available."

The committee says there is still significant cope for savings in nurses manpower by reducing shift overlaps, changing the mix of grades employed, and introducing five-day wards for minor surgery, which can cut costs without damaging patient care.

Evidence that one authority identified savings of £400,000 from five-day wards, and another found savings of £378,000 on an £11 million nursing budget by examining the mix of grades it employed, lends weight to the view that more effective management could improve efficiency without sacrificing the quality of patient care.

● *Control of Nursing Manpower* (House of Commons Paper 98; Stationery Office; £4.40).

Lecturer doubted Satanist

Derry Mainwaring Knight, a self-confessed Satanist, claimed to a Christian training centre lecturer that a Roman Catholic cardinal was one of the top Satanists in Britain, a court heard yesterday.

The lecturer, the Rev Michael Barling, told Maidstone Crown Court that Mr Knight alleged that Britain's devil worship organization was based in a building in London.

The wealthy Christians who gave money appointed Mr Barling and the Rev Colin Urquhart to test if Mr Knight was genuine, the court heard.

Mr Barling was unhappy with Mr Knight's answers to two crucial questions in an interview in January 1985 about his commmitment to becoming a Christian. Mr Barling said it was impossible to remain a member of a Satanic organization and also be a Christian.

He told the court: "Mr Knight described some aspects of Satanism in relation to its hierarchy and various church people, including a Roman Catholic cardinal, who were highly active in it and its various ceremonies.

Mr Knight "maintained there was a building in London that was the headquarters of the organization" and referred to a ring, chalice, sword and throne among regalia that had to be bought and destroyed to release him and thousands of others from the Devil's control.

Mr Knight, aged 47, of Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining £203,850 by deception.

He has claimed he needed the money to buy Satanic regalia to free himself from the control of the Devil. But it is alleged that he spent it on high living, fast cars and women.

Mr Barlin said Mr Knight became agitated when questioned about how he could be a Satanist and a committed Christian.

"He appeared to find it difficult. He stood up and said something like 'I have had enough of this' and walked out."

The trial continues today.

Families get wreck libel cash

The families of the eight crewmen who died when the freighter Union Star sank off Land's End in December 1981, along with the Penlee lifeboat, are to share substantial High Court libel damages.

The tragedy also claimed the lives of the eight-man crew of the lifeboat, Solomon Browne.

Mr Richard Walker, counsel for Union Transport (London), owners of the Union Star, told Mr Justice Boreham yesterday that many of the reports were speculative and inaccurate.

Mr Walker said that allegations in the *Daily Mirror*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Star*, *The Guardian*, the *Daily Express* and *Lloyd's List* were false and the six publications apologized separately.

They agreed to pay the undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Mr Walker said that Union Transport had requested that the damages should be given to a fund for the families of the Union Star's crew.

Technical graduate shortfall

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The market for graduates is booming but the number of students passing degree courses, including those in key disciplines such as electrical and electronic engineering, is falling, according to the Institute of Manpower Studies at Sussex University.

That means that companies will have difficulty recruiting graduates in key technological areas, the institute says.

The number of electrical/electronic engineers graduating will fall from a peak of 2,305 in 1984 to fewer than 2,000 this year. Engineering and technology graduates will fall from 8,694 to 7,889.

Mr Richard Pearson, the institute's associate director, said the Government's change of emphasis to engineering and technology subjects should boost supply by 25 per cent, but that could be undermined by a shortage of suitable students with A level mathematics and physics.

British set to get more time-saving gadgets

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Home owners in Britain are prepared to buy plenty of time-saving electronic devices in the next 10 years, according to a survey completed by MORI for Philips, the European consumer electronics firm.

The study which coincides with the Ideal Home Exhibition in London, shows that microwave ovens, video recorders/disc players and cordless telephones will be commonplace within a decade.

Satellite television and flat screen televisions – which can be easily moved – will be standard equipment, the survey claims.

Retailers and manufacturers have predicted such a growth in the home electronics market but the survey is one of the first indicators that the consumer has similar expectations.

Men tend to have higher aspirations than women regarding advanced electronics

"Those with the highest expectations of all are professional/managerial people, and those currently aged 15-24. They are almost twice as likely to expect compact disc players, and 50 per cent more likely to expect computerized purchase of goods and services", the survey said.

Consumers' expectations in 10 years

Product	Percentage
Satellite television	33
Flat screen television	32
Microwave ovens	47
Cordless telephones	30
Compact disc	22 (men), 15 (women)
Satellite television	22 (men), 9(women)
Flat screen television	21 (men), 13 (women)
Automatic dish washer	24 – rises to one third among the 15-24 age group
Video disc	23
Video recorder	42 (because this is the only volume consumer product in homes the figure is adjusted. Video recorder penetration is expected to be about 75 per cent in a decade).

Sex case 'reign of terror'

Tony Bromwich, an apprentice, aged 19, garrotted and sexually attacked a number of women during a five-week reign of terror, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Seven women, aged between 15 and 33, were attacked in north and east London between March and May last year.

Five were approached from behind with a length of rope or flex and "pressure expertly applied sufficient to make the girls unconscious or semi conscious and rendering them incapable of resisting his sexual advance", Mr Michael Sayers, for the prosecution, told the jury.

Mr Bromwich, an apprentice print finisher, of Buxton Road, Upper Holloway, north London, denies attempting to choke women with intent to commit indecent assaults; malicious wounding; indecent assault and assault.

Mr Bromwich was caught by police when he was closing in on an eighth victim, Mr Sayers said. Officers found a length of cord in his pocket. When his home was searched another short cord was found by his bedside.

Mr Sayers said that the attacks took place late at night or at the end of the working day. "In some cases violent injuries resulted".

One victim, a dance teacher, aged 24, was three and a half months pregnant. "She felt a sensation like an electric shock as she went to get into the lift of her block of flats and lost consciousness."

After the attack the top of her finger needed to be stitched back. "Four weeks later she miscarried. In medical opinion it could well be as a result of this attack", Mr Sayers said.

The trial continues today.

Arts Council gives grant increases

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council is to give many of its clients grant increases of around 4 per cent in the next financial year dispelling some of the gloom which has been expressed by companies during the past year.

Many feared that they would be unlikely to receive more than 2 or 3 per cent increases, though the increases announced yesterday will still not meet inflation.

The Royal Opera House, the council's biggest single client, will see its grant increased by 4 per cent to nearly £13.1 million. The Royal Shakespeare Company will also receive a 4 per cent rise taking it's grant to £5.197 million, and similar increases will go to regional arts associations.

Grants for the remaining two national companies, the National Theatre and the English National Opera, have not yet been announced. Along with other companies in areas affected by the abolition of metropolitan authorities, their support is still under discussion by the Arts Council and the district councils which will takeover from the authorities next month.

The new grants make the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta the first orchestral company to receive more than £1 million in Arts Council subsidy. Its grant rises from £973,500 to £1,012,500.

Lady in lake sex killers jailed for life

Two sex killers, identified by tiny flakes of paint on their clothes, were jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the "lady in the lake" murder of Lisa Jerome, aged 25.

Gary Lombardo, aged 22, of Pathfield Road, Streatham, and Christopher Lillington, aged 22, of Tulsemere Road, West Norwood, both south London, were found guilty of the murder last April. Lombardo was also sentenced to 15 years for rape and Lillington to seven years for attempted rape.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said Miss Jerome was seized from her flat at Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham, and driven to Crystal Palace park where the pair helped each other in brutal rape attacks. Because Miss Jerome knew Lombardo they decided to murder her.

Praying pair 'beheaded'

Two men were hacked to death with swords as they lay side by side reciting the Lord's Prayer in an east London restaurant, a jury at the Central Criminal Court heard yesterday.

They were killed on St Valentine's Day in 1984, but their bodies have never been found, Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said.

He told the jury that the victims, David Elmore, aged 35, a public house "bouncer", and James Waddington, aged 38, a stonemason, were beheaded and their bodies probably dumped in the sea.

He said that Mr Elmore began to pray aloud as he lay tied up and dying in the Kaleli restaurant in Station Parade, Barking, east London.

It was alleged, for the prosecution, that when he reached the phrase "Thy will be done" one of his alleged attackers, Ronald Reader, remarked: "You're dead right son, you will be done."

Mr Reader, aged 44, a builder, of Cornwallis Road, Dagenham, east London, denies the murders of Mr Elmore, of Gail Street, Dagenham, and Mr Waddington, of Bradfield Drive, Barking.

Mr Green told the jury that the second man said to have been involved in the sword attacks was David Maxwell, aged 41, a club steward, who was tried at the court in January last year and cleared by a jury of both murders.

The trial continues today.

Bones kept under floor

A dental lecturer accused of murdering his adopted daughter told a court yesterday he had stored human bones under the floorboards of his home for three years.

He said he later transferred them into three plant pots. Mr Samson Perera, aged 43, of Stillwell Drive, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, said the bones were specimens he had brought from his native Sri Lanka.

At Leeds Crown Court, he denies murdering his adopted daughter Nilanthe, aged 13. The prosecution alleges he hacked the girl's body into 105 pieces then hid them.

Detectives allegedly found human bones in pots at his home as well as in a coffee jar, tray and beaker at his Leeds University laboratory.

His wife Dammika, aged 37, denies assisting him by impeding his arrest, and both deny obstructing the coroner.

The trial continues.

Hospital write to woman dead 14 years

An investigation was promised yesterday into how a Doncaster hospital sent a letter to a woman, 14 years after she died, telling her no bed was yet available.

Her widower, Mr Dennis Eyre of Bentley, South Yorkshire has demanded an apology.

Mrs Sylvia Eyre died from leukaemia in 1972, aged 39. She had been waiting for a bed at Doncaster Royal Infirmary when she was admitted at short notice and died.

Mr Eyre, a retired machine setter, said yesterday: "I was shocked when the letter came through the post. Time heals – but this brought it all back."

A hospital spokesman said the letter would have been sent out as part of an annual check.

Children learn royal recipe for health

By Tim Jones

A group of primary school children have discovered one of the Princess of Wales's secrets for keeping slim. Away from the protein-packed banquets which they attend, it appears that the Princess and her husband favour a simple diet which is low on fat and high on nutrition.

Thirty pupils from the Grove Junior School in Pembroke were delighted to receive a recipe from the royal couple as part of a project for Heartbeat Wales, the campaign to help to stamp out heart disease and encourage healthy living.

To eat like a princess, health conscious nibblers need 350 grammes of wholemeal noodles and four or five leeks chopped and sautéd in oil. Add them to vegetable stock with a small amount of curry powder for extra pep and bake with a sprinkling of grated cheese on top. The result is a tasty casserole.

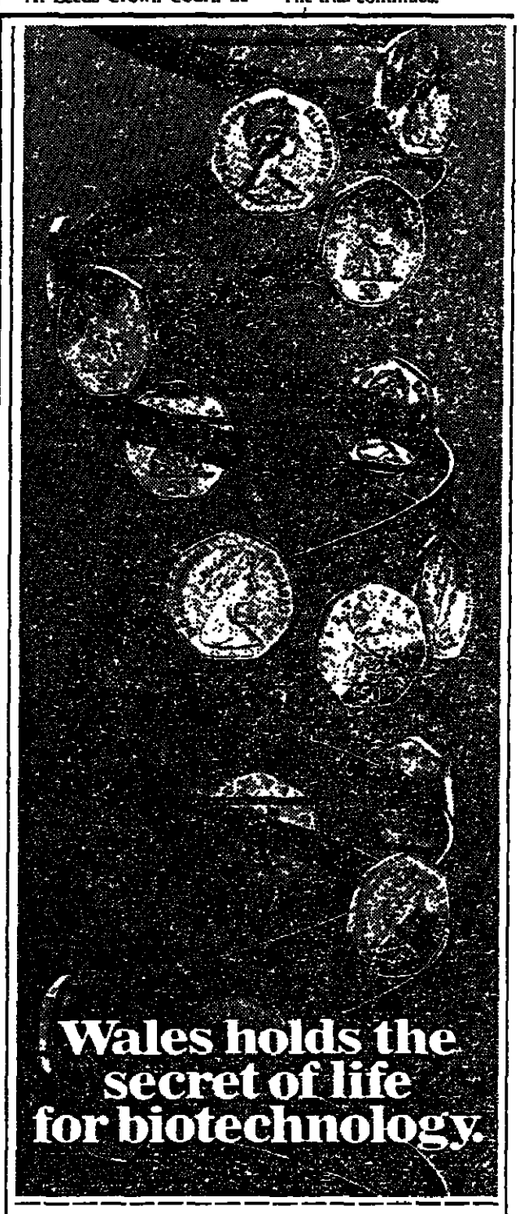
Mr Ian Jones, the headmaster, said yesterday: "You can imagine the excitement in class 1 when a letter arrived from Buckingham Palace on headed notepaper."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock also favour vegetables for their health diets. The Prime Minister suggested spring soup with watercress and leeks, while the Labour leader favoured layered summer vegetables baked in a casserole, followed by plenty of exercise.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, preferred cauliflower cheese made with wholemeal flour and then lots of swimming and walking to aid digestion.

In keeping, perhaps, with the image of his party, Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, came up with the most exotic offering – spinach and lemon mousselines with avocado.

Mr Terry Wogan submitted a recipe for chip sandwiches using wholemeal bread. The chips, he said, should be fried in polyunsaturated oil with the skins left on the potatoes to avoid soaking up the oil. The children will have to discover how to make chips with all four sides covered in skin.



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Ford plea for more talks rejected

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There was no question of the reopening of talks with Ford about a possible takeover of Austin Rover, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, made clear in the Commons. If there are any rumours about that (he went on) I disown and reject them.

He was replying to Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, who drew attention to a speech in Geneva on Tuesday in which Mr Bob Lutz, chairman of Ford of Europe, said that Ford was willing to restart talks about a possible takeover of Austin Rover.

Mr Smith demanded a crystal clear guarantee that throughout the lifetime of this Government there would be no talks by it or BL on its instructions with Ford about disposal of the Austin Rover group.

Mr Channon, in a statement on *British Leyland, recalled that an* invitation was extended to interested parties to declare by March 4 a firm intention to make a bid for one or more of the Land Rover, Freight Rover, Leyland Trucks and related businesses.

He reported that appropriate declarations had been made to BL's bankers by Schroder Ventures on behalf of some institutions and certain members of BL management in respect of Land Rover, Range Rover and Freight Rover; by Lonrho in respect of Land Rover and Range Rover; and by Aveling Barford in respect of Land Rover only.

General Motors had also confirmed their intention to make a bid for Land Rover, Range Rover, Freight Rover and Leyland Trucks.

The Laird Group and Aveling Barford were each in discussions with BL regarding the acquisition of Leyland Bus for which proposals on behalf of certain members of the management were also expected.

Discussions in relation to Leyland Bus were taking place over a slightly different timescale from those concerning other Land Rover-Leyland businesses. He would make a further statement to the House on these in due course.

Mr Channon continued: The BL board are giving careful consideration to all the proposals received on or before March 4 and I hope to have their recommendations shortly.

The board and the Government remain anxious to end the present uncertainty surrounding these businesses as soon as possible in the interests of the companies, management and workforce and their dealers and suppliers.

Announcing the forthcoming change in the chairmanship of BL, he said Sir Austin Bide's appointment as chairman was extended in late 1984 on the basis that he would continue as chairman until a convenient moment for his retirement was reached.

Sir Austin had agreed to remain as chairman until decisions had been made on the future of the main Land Rover-Leyland businesses. This would represent the start of a new phase in the development of BL. Mr Channon said that on his nomination, the BL board proposed to invite Mr Graham Day, present chairman of British Shipbuilders, to join the board and become full-time chairman of BL at a date to be determined. He was appointing Mr Phillip Hares, the present deputy chief executive and board member for finance of the corporation, to succeed Mr Day as chairman of BS.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, declared amid loud Labour cheers that as this tangled web became more confusing and complex, it was clear the Government should never have departed from the concept of BL remaining an integrated and public sector operation.

He called on the minister to confirm that the Government approached General Motors in August 1984 and that for 18 months GM had been able to consider and negotiate their position while all other bidders had been given little more than 20 days.

Does not that indicate (he asked) that the Government is already predisposed to sell the lot to GM? What is the timescale? Is it correct, as widely rumoured, that the Government is imposing a timescale under which the whole operation has to be completed at the end of this month?

Given the fact that the only bidders for Leyland Trucks are GM, does not that put the Government in a hopeless situation whereby GM is able to say to the Government that it insists on acquiring Land Rover as a condition for acquiring Leyland Trucks as well? How could any sensible Government put itself into such a hopeless bargaining position?

After this asset striping what would the chairman of BL be chairman of? Ought he not to be called chairman of Austin Rover?

Mr Channon said he was satisfied people had had adequate time to put in firm indicators. They would consider them carefully on their merits and there was no question of the Government having made up its mind before that careful consideration had taken place.



Channon: Careful study of all bids

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C) said BL was quite a desirable package and it was good to have several different bidders to choose from. But the Government was no longer a good owner because of the considerable sums of capital investment which would be needed to keep the organization in the international market. The Government would always have more pressing demands on the money - for hospitals and schools for instance. The sooner these firms were returned to the private sector the better it would be for the firms and workers.

Mr Channon agreed. British Leyland was in a better state now than it had been under Labour. Large sums of capital investment were required for some parts of BL for it to compete long term. The Government was trying to secure the long-term future of these industries and the jobs in them.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said he spoke yesterday with management and shop stewards at Land Rover.

What formal consultations (he asked) will there be with the 8,000 employees about their future before decisions are taken. While we all appreciate that in terms of making a fast buck, or of short term employment, the case for selling the whole thing to General Motors must seem attractive to the Government, in terms of the long run in design, manufacturing and engineering capacity of this country it is worthwhile taking a bit longer and trying to find British-based solutions for each division.

Mr Channon said Mr David Andrews, chairman of Land Rover-Leyland, had made clear that he was anxious for a quick solution because he felt it damaging for the uncertainty to drag on.

I do not agree with Mr Steel (he said) that we should take a long time. We want to take a reasonable period to consider the indications of interest.

Consultation with the workers was a matter for the companies. They had said they were informing their workforce continually and would continue doing so. The Minister for Industry (Mr Peter Morrison) had received deputations from the workforces and the trade unions.

Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) asked for confirmation that Freight Rover had consistently made a profit on the manufacture and sale of Sherpa vans, while General Motors was making a loss on its van operations in this country. Freight Rover was selling more vans than GM in Britain.

For GM to take over Freight Rover would be a loser taking over a winner.

Mr Channon said the situation at Land Rover UK Ltd in 1983, before interest and tax, was a loss of £14½ million. In 1984 there was a small profit of £2.4 million. For the first half of 1985, before interest and tax, there was a profit of £5.7 million.

Taking certain considerations into account Freight Rover was more profitable than Land Rover.

Mr John M. Taylor (Solihull, C) said not only the biggest bid for Land Rover should be considered. Would all factors be taken into account?

Mr Channon: Yes, we are trying to seek the best long-term future for the companies and for jobs.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) asked whether it was true that the chairman of Laird had written to the chairman of British Leyland saying that the only basis on which they would take over would be if the Workington and Lowestoft plants were closed and Faringdon was reduced and retained?

Will he rule out that option today? Will he give an assurance that, in the event of a management buy-out being submitted, and being fully funded, it will be given maximum consideration by his department and that if it is not fully funded, it will be treated as a new corporate plan and as an option for Leyland Buses being retained in public ownership?

Mr Channon: We shall consider any properly funded management buy-out proposals for Leyland Buses. I understand that Laird have given a preliminary view to British Leyland of their proposals. Nothing final has been proposed and we shall consider the proposals on their merits and on the criterion of what is best for the long-term

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): We should not be preoccupied with a quick buck and a fast sell-out but with the long-term interests of our manufacturing companies. Were there no British industrialists who would have had the manufacturing experience (for chairmanship) instead of another person from across the Atlantic? There are good people in this country who have the confidence of West Midlands manufacturing companies. Why a chairman from overseas?

Mr Channon: I am surprised at his last point. Mr Day is today a British citizen who comes from Canada.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South East, Lab): There is overwhelming opposition by trade unionists inside Leyland and among the working people of Coventry, the Midlands and elsewhere, to the selling off to private profiteers whether American or British, of any part or of the whole of Leyland.

He also condemned the dismissal of two works convenors by British Leyland.

Mr Channon: With regret, I think I shall be unable to please Mr Nellist in the negotiation.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Can he give an unqualified assurance that the Government would prefer a British solution?

Mr Channon: We want the solution which is in the best long-term interest.

Recycled grant may cut rate demands

LOCAL SPENDING

It was clear that the pool of grant to be recycled in 1986-87 was going to be some £500 million, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons statement. That meant the grant gains would be bigger than those illustrated in January and that authorities would get more grant than they had assumed.

She said the DOE had written to all authorities telling them the amount of extra grant they would receive from that amount of recycling, in addition to their grant entitlement under the RSG settlement announced in December.

Councils will now know (she said) the size of their grant entitlement more clearly and this will allow them to make a lower call on their ratepayers. Where the rate making has not been completed, she hoped MPs would urge their local authorities to revise their rating plans. Rate increases should be no higher than absolutely necessary.

Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab), for the Opposition: Does she expect that any shire authority which has set its rate will change that decision and if so by how much? Yesterday's announcement and today's are no more than a cheap and highly misleading public relations stunt by ministers

panicked by high rate rises in Tory shires.

Mrs Rumbold: I would have thought he would at least have the grace to welcome the announcement, simply because it gives local authorities a greater certainty. There is still time for shire counties to reconsider what their rate levels will be. In the light of this information we hope that those shire counties that take a pessimistic view will come back and reconsider the submissions they are making.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab): The Government has come to the rescue of local authorities like Sefton, who had made a deficit budget and were set to do a Liverpool and break the law. This miserly amount will not make a significant difference.

Mrs Rumbold: As to the authorities proposing to make a higher rate than they had hoped to make, this announcement will make all the difference to what they do and has been greatly welcomed by those very authorities.

● As a result of the decision made by the High Court to uphold the surcharge on Lambeth and Liverpool councillors they could face disqualification in the middle of the local elections campaign in May, Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) said in the Commons when unsuccessfully applying for an emergency debate on the subject.

Sovereignty still not open for negotiation

THE FALKLANDS

The British Government had taken step after step in an effort to establish more normal relations with Argentina but none of these steps had been met with a parallel reponse, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

He repeated the Government's refusal to negotiate on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands and stressed the importance of the wishes of the islanders themselves.

Mr William McKelvey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lab) said it was about time Britain reestablished full diplomatic relations with Argentina and talked about sovereignty with a view to reaching an honourable settlement so that the cost of maintaining "Fortress Falklands" could be reduced.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He offers a misguidedly simple insight. We want to move towards more normal relations with Argentina. It was for that reason Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, offered to meet the Argentinian parliamentarians when they were here.

He would have explained to them that while we are unprepared to negotiate sovereignty he was prepared to hear them state their position and make clear our wish to see more normal relations. Towards that end we have taken step after step, none of which have been met by any parallel response from the other side.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Many of us who met the Argentinians found them to be a constructive and courageous group of people. Their unwillingness to have a meeting with ministers was quite understandable because of the view that would have been taken of that in Argentina.

He is dealing with a democracy, not a dictatorship. When he was dealing with a dictatorship he was prepared to give away sovereignty. He should now be prepared at least to have it on the agenda.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. There were no strings whatsoever to the offer made to meet them to explain to them we will not negotiate sovereignty. We would have listened to their statement on that.

We welcomed the restoration of democracy in Argentina. We have taken steps to support the Argentine economy and to help that democracy. But it would be quite unhelpful to offer unrealistic goals on sovereignty.

Although democracy has returned, the fact that makes a fundamental difference is the invasion of the islands. It is quite unreasonable to expect us to put the clock back before the invasion as if that had not happened.

Majority too poor to buy shares

HOUSE OF LORDS

The biggest obstacle in the way of the Government's belief in wider share ownership was that 60 per cent of the population had not got the money to buy them, Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said during question time in the House of Lords.

If the Government wants to ease the way of obtaining shares (he said) the easiest way of acquiring them is to have the money, then it is quite simple. But the majority of people do not have the resources because the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had said earlier in reply to a question on whether it would encourage the Stock Exchange to make share dealing easier for the individual: The Government believes in a property owning democracy in the widest sense.

Need for look at law on charities

All was not well with the operation of the law on charities and there was a case for the Government setting up a wide ranging royal commission to examine it, Lord Allen of Abbeydale (Ind) suggested when opening a debate on the subject in the House of Lords.

However, a commission would take a long time and his personal experience showed there was no guarantee the Government would even read the report when published. Charity law had been described as a morass into which no Government would lightly tread.

With their present resources, the Charity Commissioners could not do all they would like to do. He suggested the possibility of calling in outside management consultants to advise whether the available resources were being employed to the best advantage and to assess how extra resources might best be used.

Howe welcome for move to lift emergency laws

SOUTH AFRICA

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, welcomed in the Commons at question time President Botha's announced intention to lift South Africa's state of emergency. I hope (he said) that action will help ease the tension and assist the promotion of the dialogue which is so urgently needed.

Mr Robert Litherland (Manchester Central, Lab): Has he seen the article in today's *Guardian* which states that the Prime Minister has personally blocked the Bermudan government from introducing limited sanctions against South Africa, even to the extent of importing Krugerrands which at present is being considered by her own Government? This smacks of double standards and a sop to apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. It smacks of precisely the opposite: the perfectly rational conclusion that the decision of this Government in relation to measures taken in respect of South Africa should be uniform not only in the United Kingdom but colonial territories.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South-East, Lab): Is not his attitude merely finger-wagging at apartheid? With £11,000 million of British investment in South Africa his opposition to economic sanctions has more to do with the profits of British firms being made out of apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: If it were left to him to judge these matters it would be more likely to provoke the destruction of the British and South African economies, to the disadvantage of the people living in both countries. Our balanced policy of making it plain that we wish to see apartheid brought quickly to an end and supporting that by policies and representations is far more likely to be effective.

Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C): Many of those who call for a policy of serious economic sanctions have not thought through the implications.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: When will he make representations against the selective ban on television reporting, something many of us find unacceptable?

Has he made representations in relation to the decision to go ahead with United Nations supervised elections in Namibia in August, that they should not be linked to the withdrawal of Cuban forces?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: On the first point, we have already made representations expressing our regret. On his second point, we have welcomed the South African government's re-affirmation of its commitment to implement UN Security Council Resolution 435. If that were to be done it would offer an opportunity to make early progress and would reduce tension throughout the region.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs: Why has the Government failed to carry out its undertaking at the Commonwealth summit to ban the import of Krugerrands, especially since the US Administration found no difficulty with GATT in banning Krugerrands absolutely even before the Commonwealth summit?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are not the only country which has found it necessary to consider the GATT implications on the sale of Krugerrands.

Freeing of Mandela would help dialogue

The unconditional release of Nelson Mandela would constitute a major act of national reconciliation in South Africa and could provide the impetus for genuine dialogue and a peaceful settlement, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions.

He was replying to Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) who asked him to take every opportunity to make clear to the South African government that the continuing incarceration of Mr Mandela was an affront to the blacks in that country. His release was a prerequisite to reconciliation between black and white. Britain should instruct its ambassador to visit Mr Mandela to establish the condition of his health and well being.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C): The prerequisite to Mandela's release should be that he renounces violence. It is in the interests of the African National Congress that he remains incarcerated while they perform their own acts of violence in South Africa and outside.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I cannot accept his conclusions, although I join him in condemning violence from any quarter. Although the ANC is clearly an important focus of black opinion in South Africa, we thought it right to establish official contact with the ANC specifically to stress our commitment to dialogue and impress on them the need to bring an end to all violence in South Africa.

Bill aims to combat salmon poaching

SALMON BILL

Angling was a multi-million pound industry with salmon angling the most sought after and often most expensive part of the angling scene, Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Salmon Bill in the Commons late on Tuesday night. The Bill, which has passed the Lords, represents the first substantial proposals for salmon legislation for many years.

Its three main objectives are to modernise and improve administrative arrangements for salmon fishing in Scotland, streamline the arrangements for the regulation of salmon fisheries and further measures to combat salmon poaching.

Mr MacKay said there had been many efforts to quantify the value of salmon angling to Scotland. Figures had been put variously at between £22 million and £140 million a year. If the true figure was somewhere in the middle that clearly indicated the importance of salmon angling to many parts of rural Scotland. Anglers would continue to come only if they felt they had a reasonable chance of catching fish, and that depended on how well salmon stocks were conserved.

One of the outcomes of rigorous scrutiny of the Bill in the Lords was the inclusion of powers which would enable the introduction of a dealer licensing scheme in England and Wales.

Poaching was no longer confined to small local operations but carried out on a large and well-organized commercial scale. The Bill's provisions would allow action to be taken against those involved with the outlets for poached salmon and should have a significant effect on the level of poaching by making it more difficult to dispose of illegally caught fish.

The Bill provided for a situation where it would no longer be the case that someone could be in possession of salmon, believing or having reason to suspect that it had been illegally taken, and not be convicted. Hitherto this had been a major gap in the enforcement of salmon legislation.

The new provisions struck the right balance, and an essential one, between improving the prospects of convicting those involved in the illegal handling of salmon without introducing measures which could lead to the conviction of innocent people.

Dealer licensing would be a valuable complement to the new possession offences. It was the intention to have detailed schemes under subordinate legislation brought forward as soon as possible after the enactment of the Bill.

There had been much ill-informed comment about the role of water bailiffs in the dealer licensing scheme, including the suggestion that they were to be given power to enter and search dwelling houses. There was no intention of extending the police power of entry and search under the 1982 Act to water bailiffs in the context of salmon dealer licensing.

The Bill committed the Government to a review, three years after enactment of the Bill, of the salmon net fisheries in the north-east of England and in the Scottish east coast salmon fishery districts as far north as the river Ugie.

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab), for the Opposition, moved an amendment declining to give the Bill a second reading on the grounds that it would extend the powers and privileges of private proprietors of salmon fisheries without making adequate provision for anglers or for the wider public interest and that it was an inappropriate and inadequate measure to deal with the urgent need to conserve salmon and other fish species and to protect the environment of rivers and estuaries for the benefit of the whole nation's sporting, recreational and environmental interests.

He said it was amazing that it should be entrenching the powers of absentee landlords and foreign investors while doing practically nothing for local fishing interests. In presenting this Bill the Government had given itself an opportunity to bring Scottish fresh water fishery legislation into the 21st century. Instead it had opted to stay in the 19th century.

The concept of the private ownership of a wild fish that happened to be swimming in waters adjacent to someone's estate was pretty absurd. There was a need for a new type of river authority with genuine representation for all people with legitimate interests.

The amendment was rejected by 125 votes to 43 - Government majority, 82.

The Bill was read a second time.

Church unity

Roman authorities in new move on Anglican Orders

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Roman Catholic Church announces today that it may soon be ready for an important step towards unity with the Anglican Church, depending on the outcome of the present stage of inter-church negotiations.

It would entail recognition in principle of the validity of Anglican Holy Orders and, therefore, accepting that Anglican priests were priests in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church.

Refusal of that recognition is one of the biggest problems in the relationship between the two churches, and has always been deeply resented in the Church of England.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, has told the two chairmen of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission that this possibility would exist if both churches endorsed the two key doctrinal statements the commission has produced.

His carefully worded letter to the chairmen, the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev Mark Santer, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, is published today.

He urged their commission to pursue a joint study of the difficulties in the way of the mutual recognition of ministries.

Cardinal Willebrands states that agreement by the authorities of both churches on a common doctrine of priesthood and Eucharist (Holy Communion and the Mass) would "change the context" in which the Roman Catholic Church approached the question of the validity of Anglican orders.

According to a judgement made by Pope Leo XIII in 1896, Anglican Holy Orders are "absolutely null and utterly void".

The Bull received a dignified but stinging rejoinder from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York at the time. Since then the Roman Catholic Church has refused officially to regard the Anglican Holy Communion service as a valid celebration of the Eucharist.

The Anglican ordinal "might no longer retain" the elements judged wanting in 1896, Cardinal Willebrands states in his letter, if agreement was reached on the central doctrinal points.

The cardinal's letter is viewed as an encouragement to the Anglican-Roman Catholic unity process, at a time when it has been put under strain because of the ordination of women in the Anglican Communion. The joint commission of the two churches is also commencing a study of the women priests issue.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is said to have suggested to the Pope that the churches should together set up a new study of the ordination of women.

The Roman Catholic response appears to be that this should be dealt with by the existing international commission, perhaps with additional experts joining it, and that the principle of ordaining women is not open for negotiation on the Roman side.

The commission would, therefore, limit its study of the matter to its effect on ecumenical relations, not whether women should be priests. The commission would try to decide whether the "obstacle" created by women priests on the Anglican side was surmountable, or decisive.

So far it does not appear that Dr Runcie's suggestion has been accepted.



A gallant act for the Princess of Wales as a man in the crowd kisses her hand during her visit to the Dr Barnardo's family day centre in Hull yesterday.

BBC plans breakfast TV changes

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to relaunch its early morning programme *Breakfast Time* in October as part of plans for a daytime television service.

The programme, which won an audience lead over TV-am when the two were launched in 1983 but for the last year has come second in the ratings, will be given a "harder edge".

It will concentrating more specifically on the day's news and the development of running stories, Mr Peter Pagnamenta, BBC TV's head of current affairs, said yesterday.

***Breakfast Time* will be shortened slightly and its less topical features placed in the new daytime schedules which remain secret.**

Frank Bough, the original presenter, is expected to front the relaunched programme. Selina Scott, the other presenter from its first days, is due to leave it later this year.

Mr Michael Grade, Controller of BBC1, said: "This is the first part of an exciting new all-day package of news, current affairs, information and entertainment which will be announced in detail later this year."

Current viewing figures for TV-am and *Breakfast Time* usually show the commercial station with a weekday peak audience of about 2.5 million and the BBC with about 1.5 million.

Ship hire frauds hit owners

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Ship owners are losing millions of pounds through fraud and malpractice from charterers who hire ships then refuse to pay for them.

British owners have suffered badly and some have been driven out of business by bad debts.

The problem is international, however, with Japan, the US and Italy particular trouble areas as depressed freight markets, in which ship owners are desperate for work, prove happy hunting grounds for charterers to engage a ship for moving their cargo, then refuse to pay the ship owner his proper costs.

The problem was described yesterday by Intercargo, the London-based association of world-wide ship owners, as "epidemic proportions".

Often the claims and counter claims become so complicated that the ship owner concludes that the legal costs of fighting the case would be more than the eventual compensation. He settles for less to get anything at all.

Crooked charterers are often difficult to detect in brokers' lists. When detected as persistent offenders, they tend to vanish and reappear under another name

Scots fear Spanish fishermen

By George Hill

Spain's entry to the European Community is likely to create a need for greater fishery protection vigilance in British waters, the Commons Scottish Affairs Committee said yesterday.

Spain's accession reinforces the need for prompt replacement of an ageing fishery protection ship and for Scottish courts to impose heavier fines on offenders, a committee report says, quoting the Scottish fisheries department as alleging that Spanish vessels were "notorious lawbreakers".

Irish and Norwegian courts impose fines of £30,000 or more, while the highest penalty imposed by a Scottish court between 1980 and 1984 was £18,000.

The Scottish Fishermen's Federation is afraid that Spain's accession might lead to two vessels fishing with the same licence, it being handed over in mid-passage.

The report calls for monofilament net, which is almost invisible in use, to be banned in all United Kingdom coastal and EEC waters, and urges investigation into legally protecting lobsters.

● *Fisheries Protection*. Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee (HoC 237-I, Stationery Office: £3 50).

Philippines Communist leaders released as President keeps her promise

Aquino frees four hardened killers

From Michael Hamlyn, Manila

Four hardened killers, leaders of a bitter Communist insurgency, were released last night by the new Government of Mrs Corazon Aquino to fulfil her campaign promise that all political prisoners of the Marcos regime should be freed.

The four were each released into the custody of prominent citizens, including the President's mother-in-law, so that they would not "disappear" as soon as the freedom order was given.

Nevertheless, the instruction was the subject of what the President's spokesman, Mr Rene Saguisag, called "a vigorous exchange of views" between himself, a former human rights lawyer, and the minister who chairs the Commission for Good Government, on the one side, and the Minister of Defence, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and the forces chief of staff, General Fidel Ramos, on the other.

The two on the military side said that the release of the detainees would increase the difficulties of dealing with communist insurgency, and that the armed forces would be discouraged because they would not feel there was any further point in working for the capture of the rebels.

The civilian side insisted that the campaign promise was a pledge that must be redeemed, and that the releases was the best way of dealing with insurgency. The insurgents had taken to the hills because of their unresolved grievances against the Marcos regime, Mr Saguisag said; they had no quarrel with the new regime. "In 1965, when Mr Marcos took power, there were no rebels at all," he said. "However many there are now is entirely due to Mr Marcos's rule."

More than 500 detainees have been freed. Any remaining in jail have been convicted of some criminal charge, but even they will be freed soon, Mr Saguisag said, if it can be shown that their crimes have a political content.

The four released yesterday were Mr Jose Maria Sison, chairman of the central committee of the banned Communist Party; Mr Bernabe Buscayno, also known as Commander Dante, commander-in-chief of the communist-led New People's Army; and Mr Alexander Birondo and Mr Ruben Alegre, respectively the head and a member of the special operations department of the NPA.

Immediately after release they were due to see the President to try to start the dialogue with the rebels Mrs Aquino has offered. She has also called for a six-month ceasefire.

The fact that not all of the NPA is happy with the new deal was indicated this week by a vicious attack on a police party by rebel forces in which 15 security men died. Other killings continue to be attributed to them — not always with justification.

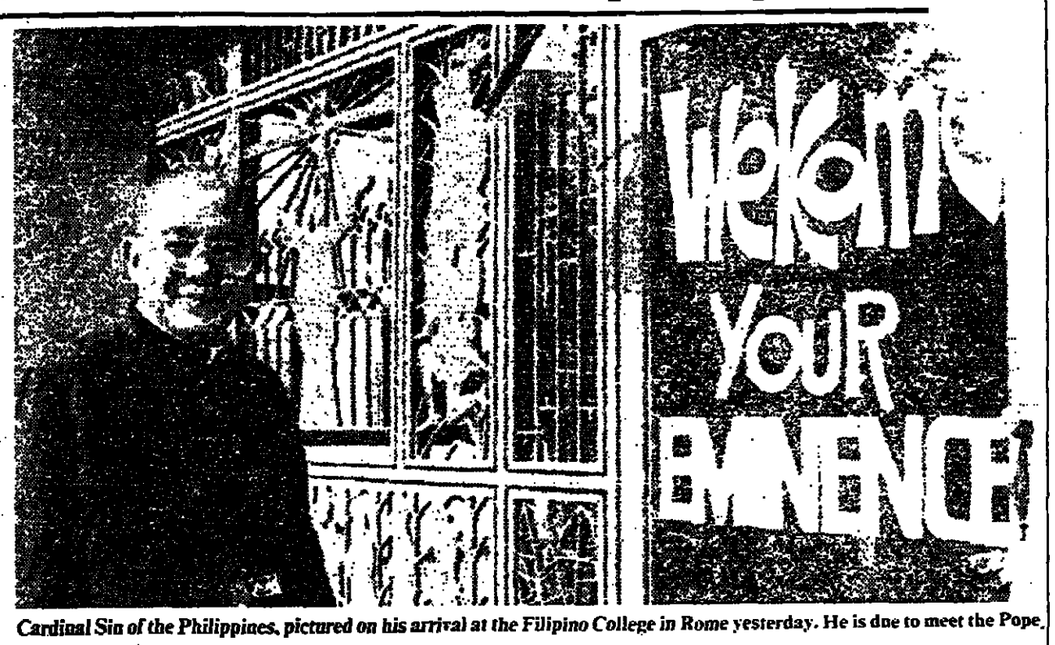
But there are still huge arsenals of weapons in the hands of individual politicians, many of whom are former Marcos men. Before the events of February observers had noted an increase in the number of political scores being settled by gun-play after the election, as disappointed Marcos men evened the tally by killing their opponents. During the "people power" revolution that brought Mrs Aquino to power, when unarmed civilians confronted guns and tanks, the killings stopped.

However, the feeling now is that they will shortly start again, particularly since the new order is cutting away at the sources of power of the old by arbitrarily sacking provincial governors and municipal mayors. It is replacing them with school masters and lawyers, who mainly do not even belong to the Unido party of the Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, who is a political leader of a style that the old guard could recognize. Rather, they are members of the Philippine Democratic Party wing of the governing coalition, led by the Local Government Minister, Mr Aquilino Pimentel. Mr Pimentel is in some sense the Sir Keith Joseph of the new government — the chief theoretician and most single-minded executor of policies.

The extent of the arms being stored is indicated by those being seized from Marcos leaders who have fled the country. Mr Eduardo Cojuanco, for example a kinsman of the former president, whose premises were raided at the weekend, was shown to have hidden a Japanese machine gun, a Thompson sub machine gun, a machine carbine, a rifle and 30 sniper rifles, four bullet-proof vests and ammunition.

And this society is not afraid to use guns in the defence of the most minor concerns. Yesterday, for example, it was reported that a company of soldiers stormed into a Quezon City police station with a machine gun and automatic rifles and released two colleagues who had been taken in for shooting at beer bottles floating in a hotel swimming pool.

On the same day one man killed another over the ownership of a pair of socks, and a robbery victim was shot dead in broad daylight in a busy part of the capital.



Cardinal Sin of the Philippines, pictured on his arrival at the Filipino College in Rome yesterday. He is due to meet the Pope.

Split in right may aid Nato vote

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Signs of a break in the ranks of Spain's opposition parties emerged yesterday which could help Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, to win next week's Nato referendum ().

A conservative woman MP told Señor Manuel Fraga, the right-wing Opposition leader, that "the issue is too serious for party politics."

Defying party instructions to asbstain, Señora Victoria Fernandez-España, publicly announced that she would be voting "Yes" alongside the Socialists for staying in the Atlantic Alliance.

She alone among the 106 MPs led by Señor Fraga cut through the Opposition's tactics aimed at using the referendum to inflict maximum political damage on Señor González.

Señor José Ardanza, Chief Minister of the Basque autonomous government and a leader of the small Basque Nationalist Party, said yesterday he would also vote "Yes". Señora Fernandez-España indicated yesterday that she would resign from Señor Fraga's party. "I could not carry on in a party which asks its 200,000 members to abstain", she said.

Harare rethink on Mozambique war

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's Cabinet has met to consider its decision to assist the Government of Mozambique in its war against South African-backed guerrillas after a big military letdown.

It was revealed last week that a costly but successful assault on the Casa Banana headquarters of the Mozambique National Resistance by commandos of the Zimbabwe National Army, had been rendered futile by Mozambique troops. The troops, left to defend the headquarters, which was taken in September, fled in disarray in mid-February abandoning an extensive array of Zimbabwean weaponry in the face of a counter-offensive by some 400 guerrillas.

Journalists at Chimoio, the headquarters of the estimated 8,000 Zimbabwean forces in Mozambique, were told last week that the morale of the Mozambique troops at Casa Banana was extremely low and that they had received no supplies for three weeks.

The loss of the headquarters has prompted Zimbabwe to rethink the Mozambican offensive. Mr Ernest Kadungure, the Minister of State for Defence, was to report to the Cabinet on incidents which military sources say underline the Mozambique Army's ineptitude as a fighting force and its complete lack of back-up to the Zimbabweans.

The description of the offensive against the guerrillas as a "joint operation" is evidently used solely for protocol purposes.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister who is also chairman of the Zimbabwe security forces' National Joint Operational Command and the Minister of Defence, will have to decide whether to tell the government of Mr Samora Machel, which suffered acute distress during Zimbabwe's liberation war in its support for anti-Rhodesian guerrillas, that there is little sense in continuing to fight on its behalf.

Losses suffered by the joint forces on the present eight-month offensive have not been disclosed but they are not believed to be heavy, apart from the death in January of the highly respected commander of the Mozambique operation. However, diplomatic sources estimate the operation is costing possibly £450,000 a day.



Tamil rebels kidnap village leaders

Colombo (Reuter) — Tamil separatist guerrillas have kidnapped about 100 village officials in Sri Lanka's northern city of Jaffna.

Residents said the officials, known as Grama Sevakas, were walking to Jaffna Fort, the military base, to meet the northern security force's commander when guerrillas forced them into vans and drove themaway.

No reason was given for the abductions but the residents said the guerrillas, fighting for a separate state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community, opposed any dialogue between the officials, who were all Tamils, and the military authorities.

Spectators die as rally car skids off road

Estoril (Reuter) — The opening run in the Portuguese Motor Rally was cancelled yesterday after two spectators were killed and about 30 injured when a car skidded into the crowd at a sharp bend.

The rally was to start again later in the day from the Estoril autodrome near Lisbon. Officials said the 95-mile opening section would be dropped and contestants would begin the second section of the first stage.

A woman aged 36 and her son aged nine were killed by the car driven by Joaquim Santos of Portugal. Police said spectators spilling on to the road had apparently caused Santos to lose control. He was unhurt.

Spacecraft poised to probe comet's secrets

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Pictures received from Vega 1, the first of four spacecraft heading for Halley's Comet, are being analysed by Soviet scientists.

The photographs were scrutinized in gathering excitement in Russia and Western Europe as one of the most ambitious experiments in space astronomy approached its climax.

Vega 1 makes its fly-by of the comet today at a distance of 6,000 to 8,000 miles. Next Thursday the European Giotto craft, built by British Aerospace, will travel through the object's tail to relay pictures and measurements back to Earth from within 300 miles of the mysterious nucleus.

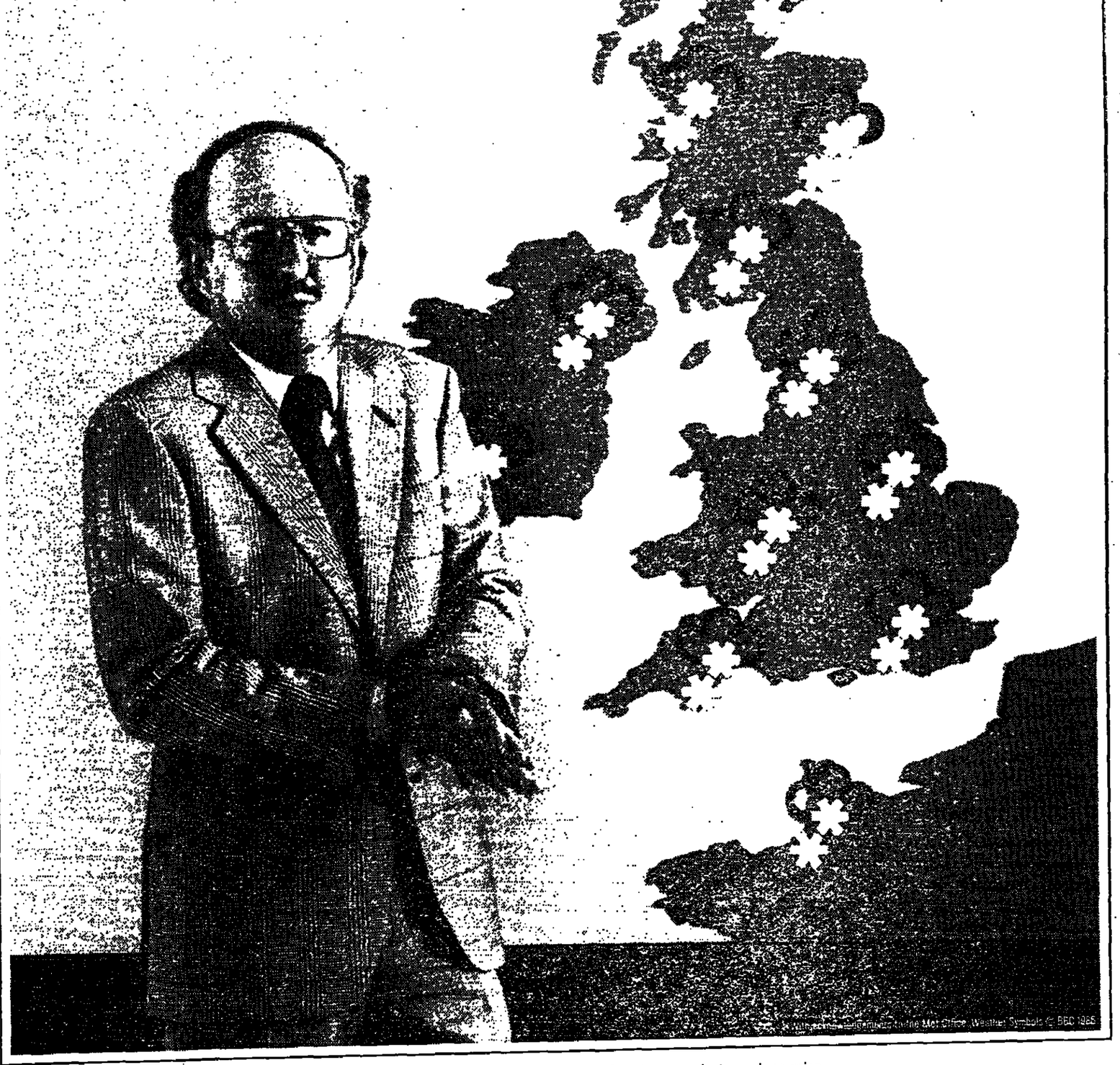
The Russians will obtain a second set of observations from Vega 2 on Saturday, on a flight planned to skirt the comet even more closely. That flight will have a companion — a Japanese craft which will make observations as it passses within 60,000 miles.

Under an agreement between the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the European Space Agency for exchange of data, the two Vega craft are providing pathfinder information. Before Giotto makes its rendezvous at midnight on March 13, the first vehicles arriving this week should tell the European scientists more precisely when their craft will feel the shock of the comet and begin to encounter bombardment from particles.

The latest photographs show there are four tails trailing behind the comet. Only two had been seen before.

Astronomers are excited about the prospect of obtaining detailed analyses of the tails and nucleus as comets are believed to comprise the oldest undisturbed material of the solar system.

What kept Britain going in the coldest month?



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Sweden prepares for Prime Minister's funeral

Police work late on photofit of assassin

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Stockholm police were working late into the night yesterday to build a picture of the face of the man who assassinated Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister.

They were working with what was claimed to be the world's most sophisticated photofit machine, flown in earlier yesterday from Weisbaden in West Germany.

They hoped to build the picture from various descriptions and a sketch drawn by an artist with a memory for faces who had seen the fleeing man.

A copy of the woman's sketch has been sent to West Germany for checking against pictures of local terrorists as suspicions harden that the murder may have been carried out by the Red Army Faction, successors to the Baader Meinhof gang which blew up the West German embassy in Stockholm in 1975.

A second description being used to help build the photofit is that given by Mr Palme's son, Marten, aged 27, of a man in a cap who followed his father on the night of the murder.

Mr Claes Palme, a lawyer and brother to the dead Swedish leader, said Marten saw the man when he came out of the cinema where he and his parents had been watching a film.

The man wore a cap similar to that described by other witnesses as being worn by the assassin. He was staring into a shop window.

"Marten wasn't particularly surprised. He has, of course, seen the same sort of thing before. There were many people who became curious when they saw Olof and who followed him just to get a closer look at him," the lawyer said.

The getaway car used by the assassin is now thought to have been a blue Volkswagen Passat.

The owners of 20 such cars, with number plates similar to that noted by a taxi driver of a speeding car heading north from the central city area, have been interviewed by police. Another 10 are still to be located.

The getaway vehicle had stood with its engine running waiting for the assassin.

But with police still a long way from making an arrest, massive security was yesterday being arranged for Mr Palme's funeral.

Many world leaders and prominent statesmen are expected to attend a memorial service in Stockholm Town Hall on March 15, at which Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the next Swedish Prime Minister, will be the main speaker.

Afterwards Mr Palme's body will be carried in procession through the streets of Stockholm for burial in a churchyard a few hundred yards from the spot where he was cut down last Friday at the age of 59 by a single shot in the back.

Thousands of Swedes are expected to follow the coffin but the final burial in Adolf Fredrik's church — close to the grave of Mr Hjalmar Branting, Sweden's first socialist prime minister — will be a private affair attended only by Mr Palme's widow, Lisbet, aged 54, their three sons, other family and close friends.

Yesterday there were intense discussions between members of the Social Democratic Party elite, who are arranging the funeral, and Sapo, the Swedish secret police, who are in charge of security.

Mr Bo Thresson, the party's secretary general, said one of the reasons why the burial had been scheduled so long after the assassination was that it enabled security to be carefully planned. Another was that it would enable Mr Carlsson to be officially sworn in before the ceremony.

He said security at both the Town Hall and along the route of the cortege would be extremely tight. Sources close to Sapo said sharpshooters would be stationed in flats and offices along the way. Extra police would be drafted into the capital and the route would be carefully checked in advance by explosives experts.

Finland's singing star Arja Saijonmaa will sing a tribute to Mr Palme during the public service.

The post-mortem on Mr Palme revealed that the assassin's bullet passed through his body between the shoulder blades, smashing his backbone, aorta and windpipe. It was later found on the pavement close to the spot where he died.

Those who have confirmed they will be attending the funeral include Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, who will speak at the Town Hall service.

Herr Fred Sinowatz, the Austrian Chancellor, will attend along with his predecessor Herr Bruno Kreisky, a close friend of Mr Palme after his years of exile in Sweden during the war.



Dr Waldheim answering questions on American television yesterday about his wartime career.

Waldheim denies Holocaust role

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1972 to 1982, told journalists in Vienna yesterday that allegations he had been involved with Nazi atrocities during the war were a "dirty campaign".

Dr Waldheim is hoping to be elected Austria's president in the forthcoming election. Until this week's accusations by the World Jewish Congress in New York, detailing his membership of the Nazi Party, opinion polls gave him the edge over his opponents.

Although he has now admitted suppressing information about his wartime career, he vehemently denies knowing anything about either the transportation of 42,830 Jews from Salonika to Auschwitz or the wiping out of several villages in Montenegro during reprisals for partisan attacks. According to the congress, Dr Waldheim served with units involved in the acts.

The fact that Dr Waldheim has consistently covered up his activities as a staff officer in the Wehrmacht during their Balkan offensive — he writes in his recent autobiography, *In the Eye of the Storm*, that he was a law student in Vienna at the time — has severely dented his image. Election posters have portrayed him as as the benign, friendly Austrian "the world trusts".

Members of the Austrian opposition conservative People's Party, which is supporting Dr Waldheim's candidature, closed ranks behind him yesterday and said they continued to have full confidence in him as a suitable head of state.

Dr Alois Mock, leader of the opposition, described the evidence of the congress as a "monstrosity". The report in *The New York Times*, he observed, could not be said to be purely coincidental. Other conservative politicians referred to the reports as a "campaign of lies" and pointed to the fact that Austria's military records showed that Dr Waldheim's father had been stripped of his teaching post when the Nazis took over Austria in 1938.

Dr Waldheim has said that his behaviour during this period was dictated by the need to defend his family from political harassment.

He denies even being aware of his membership of the paramilitary SA (Sturmabteilung) or "brownshirts", despite the documentary evidence of the World Jewish Congress.

After serving as a *cornet* (ensign) in an Austrian dragoon regiment, Dr Waldheim joined a riding club in Vienna which, after 1938, was run by SA staff but whose members, say Dr Waldheim's aides, did not have to be part of that organization.

A spokesman for Dr Waldheim said yesterday that after Hitler took over Austria, anyone who had cavalry training and wanted to continue their studies had to continue riding in an organization run either by the SS or SA.

More damaging is the publication this week of wartime photographs showing Dr Waldheim in the uniform of a Werhmacht officer talking to General Artur Phleps, commander of the seventh SS volunteer division in Montenegro. According to the records of the Yugoslav wartime commission, this division was responsible for some of the most brutal reprisals against civilians.

Dr Waldheim has admitted that while serving in the Balkans he was presented by the Nazi puppet state of Croatia with the Order of the Crown of King Zvonimir with silver oak leaves, indicating that it was earned under enemy fire.

Dr Waldheim said that these decorations were given to all staff officers serving in the Balkans.

Kremlin economic expert presents radical blueprint

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Professor Abel Aganbegyan, a chief architect of Moscow's radical new 15-year economic programme, emerged from the Kremlin shadows yesterday to brief Western correspondents on the way in which it will change the face of the Soviet Union.

Among controversial experiments which he said would soon be expanded would be a new system of prices; self-financing factories that can make investment decisions independent of the centralized planning mechanism; and a series of plans to link the take-home pay of various categories of Soviet worker directly to performance.

Professor Aganbegyan also expressed strong opposition to the present system whereby the prices of staple products, such as bread, milk and meat, are heavily subsidized. His remarks were seen as an indication that these might be removed soon.

The Armenian-born economist was transferred to Moscow recently from a Siberian think-tank on Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's orders. He is regarded by diplomats as the single most influential economic thinker behind the Soviet leader's drive to modernize the country. He has rarely agreed to meet the foreign press.

He denied that the economic blueprint — approved unanimously yesterday by the 27th Communist Party Congress — would cause unemployment, although it states specifically that the jobs of 20 million manual workers will disappear by the turn of the century.

"It is true that a proportion of the 20 million, in fact about 5 million, will have to undergo a process of retraining in new skills," he said. "But we already have a whole system functioning to that end."

He claimed that most of those being made redundant were approaching retirement age in routine jobs, often on production lines. Improved secondary education meant that there was a shortage of Russians prepared to take on that kind of work.

He cited three socialist countries whose experience could be useful to Moscow: East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary. The latter caused surprise since the tone of the congress has been very much against experiments smacking of private enterprise.

Professor Aganbegyan emphasized the need to "democratize" the unwieldy and ailing Soviet economy by giving more power to individual worker collectives and fast-expanding regional experiments, where a form of profit-sharing provides an incentive for individuals to work harder and better.

This is in sharp contrast to the traditional working of the rigid Soviet economy, where wages are generally determined in advance by the national plan, and there are few, if any, material incentives for extra work.

Areas where this type of system might be introduced soon were taxi co-operatives, television, repairs, public services and small retail outlets. "I believe that this has to be developed," he said.

The reforms were particularly far-reaching in agriculture, he said. All Soviet farms would be free to dispose of food production, in excess of a quota set aside for the state, in any way they chose.

● Congress climax: The congress reaches its climax today when the new Central Committee is announced. It will, in turn, select the Politburo to run the country for the next five years.

Senior Soviet sources said last night that the appointments would further consolidate the Mr Gorbachov's position.

Western observers predict a turnover of 50 per cent or more in the 319-member Central Committee. A number of senior officials already dismissed by Mr Gorbachov will automatically lose the membership of the elite body that went with their jobs.

The congress will also appoint a new Central Committee secretariat, another important centre of Soviet power, with between nine and 11 members.

Last call at Port Stanley brewery

Port Stanley (Reuter) — The only brewery in the Falklands has gone into liquidation because of lack of demand.

Mr Harry Milne, the director, said it was established soon after Britain reclaimed the islands after the 1982 Argentine invasion.

"Lack of support from British servicemen, contractors and the general public caused the failure." At its peak, the brewery was producing 150 gallons of "Penguin beer" a week. "We couldn't break into the military market," the former manager, Mr Philip Middleton, said.

Sirhan Sirhan acted alone

Los Angeles (Reuter) — Los Angeles police released a 1,500-page summary of their investigation into the 1968 murder of Senator Robert Kennedy in which they ruled out theories of a conspiracy.

The summary, released 17 years after the investigation was completed, concluded that Sirhan Sirhan acted alone.

Pastures new

Peking (UPI) — Some 35,000 shepherds stranded by blizzards on mountain grazing grounds in China's remote north-western Qinghai Province have been rescued, Xinhua News Agency said. At least a million cattle and sheep died in the blizzards.

Heavy guard

Delhi (UPI) — A female elephant has been placed on guard duty outside a Hindu temple in Thanjavur, southern India, to protect a shop inside the shrine and the shoes of worshippers visiting the temple from thieves.

Prisoner spree

Bethesda, Maryland (UPI) — Prisoners on a road gang in suburban Washington were caught going "over the fence" to burgle homes and to meet girlfriends for lunch.

Refugee shot

Torup, Denmark (Reuter) — A Danish policeman shot dead a Lebanese refugee who barricaded himself in a room at a centre for people seeking asylum after reportedly attempting to commit suicide and lunging at other inmates with a knife.

Mail mummy

Munich (Reuter) — An ancient Inca mummy was posted to the West German magazine *Bunte* in a cardboard box, along with a plea to ease poverty in Peru.

Missile test

Paris (AP) — France successfully carried out the first long-range test firing of its submarine M4 missile with a new multiple nuclear warhead, the Defence Ministry said here.

Card fraud

Milan (AFP) — Two men defrauded a bank of 400 million lire (£182,000) by filming customers using an automatic cash machine, collecting the discarded advice notices and then transferring the information on to blank bank cards.

Driver's rage

Cape Town (Reuter) — A South African motorist who bit off a traffic policeman's ear in a fit of rage was sentenced to 600 hours of periodic imprisonment and fined for negligent driving.

Losing streak

Reno, Nevada, (Reuter) — A US district judge rejected a $10,000 (£6,600) damages suit brought by a former casino employee, Miss Nancy Mannikko, aged 37, who said she was denied promotion because she was not pretty enough.

Shared luck

Seattle (UPI) — Philip Ague, aged 14, who is suffering from a heart defect, won half of Washington state's record $8.5 million (£5.6 million) Lotto jackpot.

Rock tragedy

Winter Park, Florida (UPI) — Richard Manuel, pianist for the rock group The Band, died in a motel bathroom hours after performing with the group.

Guru arrested

Aghios Nicolaos, Crete (AP) — Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the Indian guru deported from the US in November, was arrested at a villa here. He is to be expelled, police said.

Climber saved

Hood River, Oregon (UPI) — Mr David Schermer, aged 36, who lay with a broken leg for two days beside the body of his wife on Mount Hood after they fell 200ft down a glacier while climbing, was rescued by helicopter.

Doubts on lifting Pretoria curbs

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The announcement by President Botha that he intends to lift the state of emergency in force in parts of South Africa, probably from today, has left unanswered many key questions about how the Government proposes to handle internal security thereafter.

The Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, told *The Times* that the special restrictions on television and press coverage imposed on November 2 would lapse automatically with the ending of the emergency.

"There is only one way that we can maintain those restrictions and that is in terms of the emergency. It follows, therefore, that when the emergency is lifted, the restrictions will automatically fall away," Mr Nel said.

However, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, was reported by the political correspondent of *The Star* of Johannesburg, as saying that curbs on media coverage would not automatically be removed.

He was also reported to have said that the lifting of the emergency would not necessarily mean that people detained under its provisions would be released, nor that police and troops would immediately be withdrawn from black townships.

The press curbs imposed on November 2 prohibit the taking of any television or other films, or sound recordings, of unrest in those magisterial districts where the emergency is in force without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

The restraints on writing journalists are less severe. They can still engage in on-the-spot reporting of unrest in emergency areas, but have to report to the local police officer in charge.

Legally, these particular restrictions will have to lapse with the ending of the emergency since they form part of it. But the police have wide powers of discretion, under other legislation, to prevent television and stills photographers from being allowed into any area they consider a threat to security.

These are the powers to which Mr Le Grange appears to be referring. It thus remains to be seen how the police will use them after the emergency is ended. On the face of it, however, television coverage of unrest should become easier.

There is a similar haziness about the future of the estimated 330 people who are still being detained under the emergency provisions. Over the whole period since the emergency was imposed on July 21 of last year, about 7,800 people have at some time been detained.

A senior police officer in Pretoria, Colonel Jaap Venter, said that although the 330 could no longer be held under the emergency law once it was lifted, they could be re-arrested and held under other permanent security legislation.

The general reaction to the President's announcement has been reasonably favourable from white liberal groups and the business community, although there is concern about Mr Botha's reference to possible stiffening of other laws to enable the police to combat unrest.

Black political organizations have on the whole reacted with scepticism, if not indifference. They say that the lifting of the emergency will have no meaning unless all troops and police are removed from the townships and all detainees and political prisoners are released.

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Top CIA official resigns

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr John McMahon, the Deputy Director of the CIA, has resigned amid reports that he strongly opposed CIA involvement in Nicaragua and the extension of covert operations in the Third World. President Reagan quickly appointed Mr Robert Gates, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, to replace him.

Mr McMahon said that he was resigning for "personal reasons" after 34 years with the agency.

He said he had reached a stage when he had to move on, and he would leave on March 29.

Administration sources, however, said that he decided to quit after disagreement with a decision last week to step upfour paramilitary operations significantly. It is assumed that these were in countries where Mr Reagan had promised increased aid to insurgents — Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola and Cambodia.

Mr McMahon was known particularly to have questioned US involvement with anti-Communist guerillas in Nicaragua and Afghanistan.

He opposed increased US involvement in the Third World because he believed it could not be sustained politically at home over a long period.

He wrote a classified memorandum to President Carter in 1980 arguing against covert support for Afghan rebels, and he has since taken a similar position over Nicaragua.

He recently lost an attempt to prevent Mr Reagan requesting an unprecedented $70 million (£50 million) in military aid to strengthen the fighting potential of the Contras.

He is also said to oppose the growing role of the Pentagon in developing paramilitary capabilities for covert operations.

A proposal is now circulating in Congress to establish a $500 million "freedom fighter" fund under the control of Mr Richard Perle, the Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Policy.

Seized Britons named

Two more Britons were among hostages captured by Unita rebels in north-eastern Angola at the weekend, it was learnt yesterday. The total number captured is now believed to be more than 170, by far the largest group of expatriates taken hostage there (Richard Dowden writes).

The two Britons, Mr John Sutherland, aged 42, and Mr Terence Richards, aged 44, are both married with children. They bring the number of Britons captured at the diamond mining centre of Andrada to four.

Mr Marcos Samondo, the Unita representative in London, was summoned to the Foreign Office on Tuesday and told that the Britons should be released unharmed and without conditions as soon as possible.

Israel blamed for Arab terrorism

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is to blame for Arab terrorism, the chaos in Lebanon, and the virtual collapse of the Middle East peace process — in a nutshell, that was the message conveyed by Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister, at a press conference yesterday, and during a talk entitled "Who is the Obstacle to Peace in the Middle East?" at the Royal Institute of International Affairs on Tuesday evening.

Mr al-Sharaa has been in London at the invitation of the Government for talks with Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and other senior officials.

Given that Britain has few economic, political, or historical ties with Damascus, the fact that he was received at such a high level indicates that Britain recognizes Syria's role as a key player in the Middle East, even if London and Damascus disagree about the origins of, and solutions to, the Arab-Israeli problem.

At yesterday's press conference, Mr al-Sharaa neatly sidestepped questions about his country's association with the Abu Nidal organization, the perpetrators of some of the most bloody acts of terrorism in recent months.

Syria, he said, was against terrorism. Its heart bled every time civilians were killed. But he said it was important to go back to the roots of the Palestine problem.

Mr al-Sharaa pledged Syria's full support in seeking the release of Mr Alec Collett, a British journalist who has been held hostage in Lebanon for the past year, and of American and French hostages also being held in Lebanon.

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No record of US aid to Contras

From Michael Binyon

Government auditors told the US Congress yesterday there were no real records showing that millions of dollars in aid to Nicaraguan rebels had actually been delivered.

Their report is likely to strengthen the opposition of many congressmen to President Reagan's proposal to give another $100 million in military and other aid to the Contras.

Mr Frank Conahan, the director of the General Accounting Office's international affairs division, said in testimony that the State Department's audit controls "cannot verify actual delivery or receipt of items in the field".

The office was unable to assure Congress of delivery when it approved $27 million in aid last autumn.

Mr Conahan said $7.1 million spent in Central America was not controlled. Payment was usually made to a Miami bank account, one of several brokers, but there was no audited record showing payment to suppliers or records of shipments to resistance forces.

Polish aid

Bangkok (Reuter) — Poland is to help restore and conserve the ancient Cambodian temple complex of Angkor Wat, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

Cricket is preferred to protest

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Tuesday was a grim day for Trinidad's anti-apartheid campaigners, who have been trying to persuade West Indians to boycott the English cricket tour. Not only did England beat the West Indies in the second one-day international, but the hero of the day was the *bête noir* of the protesters, Graham Gooch. And outside the capital's Queens Park oval in Port of Spain, the police tactical unit charged into a peaceful if rowdy demonstration and arrested 16 people.

The police action was widely condemned in the press and by officials of the ruling People's National Movement. One furious demonstrator told reporters he was ashamed as a black West Indian to be beaten by black policemen for demonstrating against apartheid.

However, the *Trinidad Express*, which has loudly supported the boycott campaign, conceded that the joys of cricket had overshadowed the idea of solidarity with the oppressed of South Africa.

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Fighting flares in Chad

Paris (Reuter) — Fresh fighting had erupted in Chad between Libyan-backed rebels and government forces after a two-week lull, the French Defence Ministry said.

A spokesman, quoting Chadian officials, said the fighting broke out at Kalait, near the strategic government-held outpost of Oum Chalouba. The town is on the 16th parallel, which divides the country in two and where government forces last month repulsed a rebel offensive.

The spokesman said Chad had reported the fighting after a drive by the rebels of Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former president, towards Oum Chalouba. The government forces had the situation under control.

The fighting coincided with the opening of a meeting in Addis Ababa of an Organization of African Unity committee expected to discuss the situation in Chad.

Last month the forces of President Habré repulsed attacks by insurgents on at least four government-held settlements.

Fighting was particularly heavy around Oum Chalouba and Kalait.

'Mr Clean' crushes scandal

From Christopher Thomas, New York

The ever popular, ruthless and frequently obnoxious Mayor Edward Koch of New York has so far crushed every attempt by political opponents to exploit a deepening corruption scandal within his government.

He presents himself convincingly as a man pained and outraged by the worsening revelations. He has dumped in public an old-time friend, brandishing him a crook who should be exposed. "If a guy could be raped, that's the way I feel. A friend took advantage of me," he said.

The friend, Mr Donald Manes, until recently President of the New York borough of Queens, is implicated in the biggest scandal in the eight years of the Koch administration. Federal investigators are still digging into several aspects of New York's government, and as they do so the pace of resignations by public officials increases.

Mayor Koch is perceived as "squeaky clean" when it comes to fraud. Nobody has ever pinned a shady deal on him. In the midst of his crisis he is demonstrating what a political phenomenon he is. Hardly a New Yorker thinks he is corrupt, and no political opponent would dare suggest so.

The storm centres on the Parking Violations Bureau,



Mayor Edward Koch: never touched by shady deals

which collects parking fines. It seems to have become a massive racketeering enterprise, dealing in private profiteering off the city's business.

Federal investigators say that private collection companies have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to individuals within the bureau in return for lucrative contracts for the collection of millions of dollars in overdue fines.

Mr Geoffrey Lindenauer, a former deputy director of the bureau, has been accused of extorting more than $410,000 (about £280,000)in cash, trips and theatre tickets from three private collection contractors. He has pleaded not guilty.

As for Mr Manes, he has locked himself away at home after police found him careening through New York in his car, incoherent and dripping blood from self-inflicted knife wounds. He later had a heart attack.

Mayor Koch professes an intense distaste for political patronage. And yet the Parking Violations Bureau draws its top officials invariably from the Queens Democratic Party, which Mr Manes led until his recent resignation. That, it seems, is how he came to have a hand in the alleged scandal. One city collection company has claimed that he extorted $36,000.

The affair is likely to spread to other city agencies using private companies to collect money. The FBI and the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan are conducting extensive inquiries and Mayor Koch, too, has appointed his own investigation into all city contracts with collection agencies.

Officials of the Department of Justice have little doubt that there is an intimate link between payoffs involving the Parking Violations Bureau and senior Queens Democratic Party officials.

With a touch of the old political magic, Mr Koch has proposed new rules to make it harder for politically-connected people to do business with the city. If anything, scandal is serving to reinforce his reputation as New York's Mr Clean.

Japan ready to sell its rail network and hand over huge debts

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan has embarked on its most far-reaching reform since the war with the Cabinet approving the de-nationalization of the railways.

Japan National Railways has debts of £140 billion, almost the equivalent of the gross national product of Brazil.

Five Bills approved by the Cabinet which provide for break-up of the railways into seven private companies, will go to the Diet this month and are assured of passage because of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's majority. They will become law on April 1 next year.

The government will dispose of the railway's debts, persuade 20,000 workers to retire early, find new jobs for another 41,000 and re-establish thousands in other areas of the country. The rail network will be broken up into six regional passenger railway companies and one freight company. The government will retain existing bullet train lines for another 30 years.

The six passenger companies will be established in the northern island of Hokkaido, with individual ones for east and west Japan, central Japan and the islands of Shikoku and Kyushu. Although free to operate as private concerns, a provision has been made requiring the new companies to heed the interests of small regional businesses – the national railway met strong opposition when it tried to set up a bookshop on Tokyo station and a laundry in Saitama prefecture to absorb surplus labour.

To help overcome such built-in difficulties as the new Honshu-Hokkaido tunnel, which the Hokkaido company will be expected to take over, the government will allow the new private companies to engage in non-railway business.

De-nationalization will also split the 220,000-strong national railway workers' union which has been a mainstay of support for the communist and socialist parties. Recent attacks on the railway, including one that paralysed Tokyo's commuter trains for the best part of a day, have been motivated by opposition to the government's plans.

Three of the new companies will take over £42.8 billion of the railway's long-term debt while a liquidation company will dispose of the remaining £97.2 billion.

Japan National Railways has some valuable land assets it can sell but the taxpayer will probably have to foot the bill ultimately for what amounts to the country's biggest political pork barrel. For years, new lines have been opened and other uneconomic lines retained because it suited local politicians.

One of the most glaring "political lines" is the bullet train line from Tokyo to thehome prefecture of Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former prime minister. It cost £6.5 billion when it was completed 3½ years ago at a time when the railway's problems had already become insoluble.

To begin the de-nationalization, shares in the new firms will be held by the government until operations are on a firm footing. Then, they will be sold to the public.

Bare breasts protest on royal tour

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

The fashion in the Antipodes for baring parts of the anatomy to royalty found a new form of expression yesterday when a woman exposed her breasts to the Queen near the Sydney Opera House.

The latest incidents affecting the royal tour appear to be a form of attention-grabbing in the wake of the bottom-baring protests during last week's New Zealand visit. Three people have been arrested since the Queen arrived in Sydney on Tuesday; nine were held in New Zealand.

It was a sweltering hot day here yesterday, although that presumably had nothing to do with the woman's conduct as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh prepared to board a launch for a harbour cruise.

The woman, who was wearing a loose singlet, trousers and sandals, scaled a wall and bared her bosom. It is not clear whether the royal couple saw her.

She was arrested after a struggle with police and was insulted by members of the crowd with cries of "tart" and "harlot" as she was led away. She was released on bail on charges of offensive behaviour and assaulting police and is to appear in court in two weeks.

She was reported as saying: "It was Queen Victoria who made women dress up to the neck. I'm trying to reverse the situation."

A pattern of incidents has clearly been established since the royal tour started 11 days ago with the egg which spattered the Queen's coat in Auckland. Police have been told to be on the alert for further acts of exhibitionism during the remaining eight days of the visit.



A woman (top left) about to bare her breasts as the Queen walks by.

On Tuesday night, police arrested two young men who attempted to spray the royal party with water as the Queen arrived for a reception at a Sydney hotel.

A police spokesman said that a fire hose had been taken to the roof of an adjoining building and switched on.

The two men were charged with trespass and offensive behaviour.

● Stadium opened: The Queen later opened a sports stadium in the Sydney suburb Parramatta (Reuter reports).

Together with the Duke of Edinburgh she dined with the Victoria State Governor, Mr Davis McCaughey, and today they will attend a garden party and a pageant on Melbourne's Yarra River.

Before leaving for Melbourne on a Royal Australian Air Force jet, the Queen presented the RAAF with a new royal standard.

Soviet hijacker jailed by China

From Mary Lee
Peking

The hijacker of a Soviet civilian aircraft which landed in north-east China in December has been jailed for eight years, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said that the hijacker, Alimuradov Shamil Gadji-Ogly, co-pilot of an Antonov-24, was sentenced after a two-day trial which ended on Tuesday in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province.

The spokesman would not be drawn on questions concerning the extradition or motives of the hijacker, but said that Ogly could appeal against his sentence. The Soviet Embassy in Peking, which sent two officials to the trial, also refused comment.

The aircraft and 42 passengers and crew returned safely to the Soviet Union. East European sources said that the hijacking and China's decision to try the co-pilot was unlikely to affect Sino-Soviet relations, currently described as "cool".

Asked to comment on the recent foreign policy statement by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, calling for improved relations, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was a "reiteration of Soviet policy towards China, the content of which is familiar to us".

He said that the dates of a visit by the Soviet First Deputy Premier, Mr Ivan Arkhipov, had not been fixed.

Hong Kong fears poll down-played

Hong Kong (Reuter) – About 1.4 million voters go to the polls today amid concern that the British administration is playing down the election in the face of China's opposition to political reform before it takes over in 1997.

A quarter of the population is eligible to choose 27 of the 79 candidates to sit on two surburban councils.

Some legislators say the British colonial government, wary of upsetting Peking, has not promoted the poll as actively as it would have in the past and is backing away from reforms before Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

Mr Walter Sulke, an urban councillor, said the poll would be the acid test for direct elections in future, something "Peking . . . has made clear they don't want".

Peking has hinted there could be deviations from the Sino-British accord, returning Hong Kong to China, but there would be a high degree of autonomy for 50 years. The warning was widely seen as aimed at last September's indirect elections for the Legislative Council, the local legislature.

Legislators have confirmed that government officials appealed for a high turnout in previous polls but the issue was now sensitive.

One legislator, Mr Szeto Wah, said: "Perhaps the government is concerned China will not like the politicization and too much promotion of the elections".

Government spokesmen deny any soft-pedalling, saying they have pressed hard to get out the vote and have spent about £715,000 on election publicity.

Mr Donald Liao, secretary for district administration, said officials no longer needed to stress election basics because "people are getting more aware, more knowledgeable". But he added that a large turnout would not necessarily mean a surge of support for direct elections in future.

Mr Liao said the government would assess the election in shaping Hong Kong's political future but added it was only "one of many factors".

Duarte is ready to see rebels

San Salvador (AP) – President Duarte says that El Salvador and Nicaragua should hold simultaneous, though separate, talks with their rebel movements because their conflicts affect all of Central America.

He said on Tuesday that his proposal would go to President Ortega of leftist-ruled Nicaragua through Foreign Ministry channels, and that he was ready to talk at any time.

President Duarte proposed that he should meet the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and its political arm, the Democratic Revolutionary Front, in El Salvador, and that President Ortega should in Nicaragua meet the United Nicaraguan Union and other Contra rebel groups trying to oust the Sandinista Government.

"I believe in Central America there is a co-mingling of effects," he said. "What happens in one country affects another."

"This is a plan of peace, not war," he said, adding that two rounds of talks he had with Salvadorean leftists in 1984 could not solve the Central American problem.

"Those talks were from a Salvadorean point of view," he said. "What I am proposing is from a Central American point of view." He called the proposal an alternative to the military approach now being taken.

Leftist guerrillas have been fighting US-backed governments in El Salvador for six years, and the Sandinistas have been confronted by the Contras, supported by the US, for four years.

President Ortega was in Cuba on a 10-day visit, and there was no immediate response from Nicaragua.

General strike call in Dhaka

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

The 23 leading Bangladesh opposition parties have called for a half-day general strike on Saturday to protest against parliamentary elections on April 26 announced by the military Government.

The protest clashes with the arrival of China's President Li Xiannian and his wife, who are due in Dhaka on Saturday on a four-day state visit.

The strike, from 6am local time to noon, is expected to bring life to a standstill in Dhaka, the capital, and other big cities. Spokesmen for the opposition said that the strike would be peaceful, but warned that there would be picketing if the authorities tried to force vehicles on to the streets.

Opposition sources said that they have planned roadblocks to paralyse transport, and would halt train services and flights.

Chinese diplomatic sources here said that they are worried by the strike's consequences for President Li's visit, the first by any Chinese head of state to Bangladesh since its independence in 1971.

A government official said that President Li would arrive after the protest had ended, but would not say if timing had been changed to avoid pickets.

Mrs Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of the 15-party alliance, backed the strike call at a meeting with alliance members on Tuesday. "The protest strike will show to the world that the people have rejected the Army-supervised elections." Mrs Wazed said at her Awami League party office.

Seoul petition started

Seoul (Reuter) – The South Korean dissident, Mr Kim Dae Jung, said yesterday that an opposition petition campaign for election reforms was expected to gather a million signatures by the end of the month.

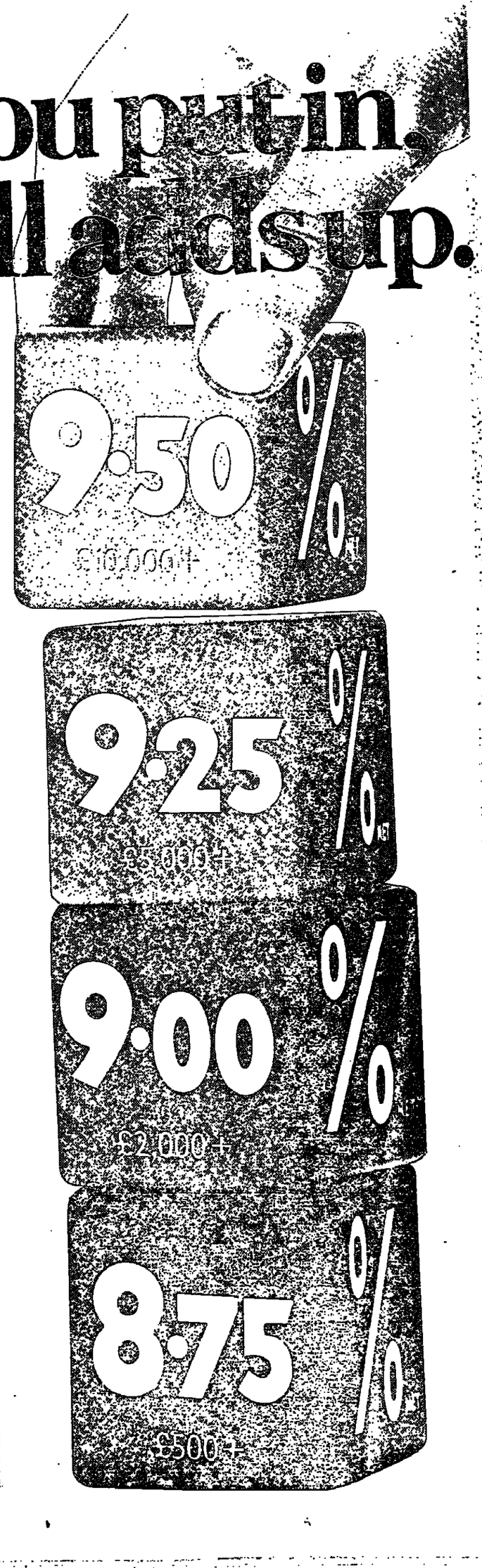
More than 300 Protestant priests, lawyers, artists and dissidents have defied a government ban on the campaign and are urging direct presidential elections instead of by an electoral college.

A Roman Catholic civil rights group has said that it supports the opposition campaign. Hundreds of opposition members and dissidents have signed the petition.

"Despite government efforts to prevent the signature campaign it is going ahead and we expect to collect a million by the end of this month and 10 million by August 15, National Independence Day," Mr Kim said. "It all depends on the government attitude but we expect to celebrate that day with a huge rally in Seoul."

Police yesterday forcibly took the civil rights campaigner, the Rev Moon Ik-hwan, home to prevent him from giving a news conference about the petition.

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Crescendo of cricket's steel band

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WEST INDIES FAST BOWLERS

The most awesome squad in modern sport is the quartet of West Indies fast bowlers. Operating in relays, granting no respite, hurling hard 5½oz cricket balls at impossible angles at almost 100mph, they strike fear into the most lion-hearted of opposing batsmen, whose first thought must be survival.

Balfour Patrick Patterson, of Jamaica, is the latest of them Reared on hard pitches that gleam like marble in the blinding sunlight, he joins the treetop-tall Joel Garner, the silken if ageing Michael Holding and Malcolm Marshall, whose standing as the fastest bowler in the world is already threatened by Patterson. Since the squad formula emerged, the Caribbean cricket conglomerate has demolished all comers and now seems about to repeat the 5-0 "blackwash" of England in 1984: the thrilling last-gasp victory achieved by David Gower's team in Tuesday's limited-overs match in Trindad has lifted the spirits but may turn out not to have much relevance to the altogether weightier matter of the second Test, which begins on the same ground tomorrow.

One way, perhaps, for the helmeted and padded batsmen of the present England team to compile anything approaching the total of 849 runs made by their predecessors in the Test match in Jamaica in 1929 would be to wear armour and aim for a target of 300 "leg byes" from the vicious bouncers of Messrs Marshall and Patterson. Against the sound of breaking bones currently echoing around the Caribbean, it borders on the surrealistic to remember that a 39-year-old Englishman once batted for 10 hours in Jamaica to score 325 in an England total of 849.

That was Andrew Sandham's achievement, though the West Indies attack he faced hardly resembled the modern bombardment. Sandham's 50-year-old opening partner, George Gunn, took advantage of Learie Constantine's absence to record his highest score of the series, 85. One of Gunn's many eccentricities had been to advance down the pitch to the fiery Constantine to play bouncers off the splice of the bat and deliver a nonchalant raspberry in the general direction of the bowler. Not recommended today.

If these dusty memories go a little way towards cheering up the despondent British cricket-lover, it is an incidental effect. They are primarily intended to pinpoint a time when West Indian fast bowling was respected but not unduly feared.

Three-and-a-half years after Sandham's epic innings, when the West Indies toured England in the immediate wake of the controversial "bodyline" series, Manny Martindale from Barbados bowled with ferocity, splitting Walter Hammond's chin. He pummelled the brave century-making Jardine with a sample of bodyline which swung English opinion and helped outlaw the sinister leg-side fielding strategy, even if it could not stop excessive short-pitched bowling (only strong umpiring can do that).

When England next toured the West Indies in 1934-35, the captain, Bob Wyatt, had his jaw broken in four places by Martindale in Jamaica. Carried unconscious from the field, blood surging from his mouth, Wyatt came to in the dressing-room and, still unable to speak, gestured for some paper, upon which he scrawled a rearranged batting order. The pattern of West Indian Test cricket had been established.

There is no evidence that the hostility of black fast bowlers against the early touring teams was anything out of the ordinary. Native players like "Float" Woods from Trinidad had pace . . . when they were allowed to play. Black players were not always permitted to take the field. Cricket was run by the whites, who probably dreaded social embarrassment more than a bump on the head.

Woods was rated as one of the fastest bowlers in the world, but he liked to bowl in bare feet, to "feel de pitch wid de toe". It is suspected that he tore the soles from his cricket boots, leaving the uppers in position to keep himself, his captain and his hosts happy during the 1900 tour of England.

As the 20th century progressed, the restraints upon black cricketers — the fast bowler in particular — were gradually eased. The theory that black men were fast-bowling workhorses rather than batsmen also needed reconsideration as George Headley, from the late 1920s, showed himself to be one of history's finest batsmen. He may still deserve precedence over Weekes, Worrell and Walcott — even Sobers and Richards.

Headley was poorly supported in the batting, but at least West Indies fielded small brigades of fast bowlers. On the 1923 tour of England they had George Francis and, though past his best, George John, who finished his follow-through like Lillee, almost under the nose of the startled batsman. The mercurial Constantine was joined later by Martindale and Leslie Hylton (so far the only Test cricketer to be hanged for murder: he delivered his own retribution on his erring wife).

Spells of blistering fast bowling from these men were common enough, but 200-odd bouncers and kickers in a day, like the present generation unleashes, would have been unacceptable.

The rugged Wyatt, however, is again the centre of the story. During the West Indians' 1928 visit to Edgbaston, he went out to bat for Warwickshire as Len Bates was carted off senseless after being hit on the head by Constantine. If the bowler was remorseful about what had just happened, he managed to contain it for the next two balls glanced off Wyatt's skull for four.



Patrick Eager

Creased lightning: Patrick Patterson, West Indies' latest fast-bowling recruit, in action against England

There is a long-standing, explosively sensitive area here. If an Englishman is felled by an Australian bouncer, whatever the sense of outrage, it could not possibly have been a racially motivated assault — though it might be claimed that the blow was deliberate for more obscure reasons.

Do the West Indian pace men dish it out to their own during inter-island matches? Apparently they do. But West Indian batsmen tend to handle it better since they grow up on these pitches (though Vivian Richards's record against Barbados makes one think: one century in 19 innings, average 25). Never, though, has there been such a concentration of life-threatening, lightning-fast bowling as we have seen from the West Indies over the past 10 years.

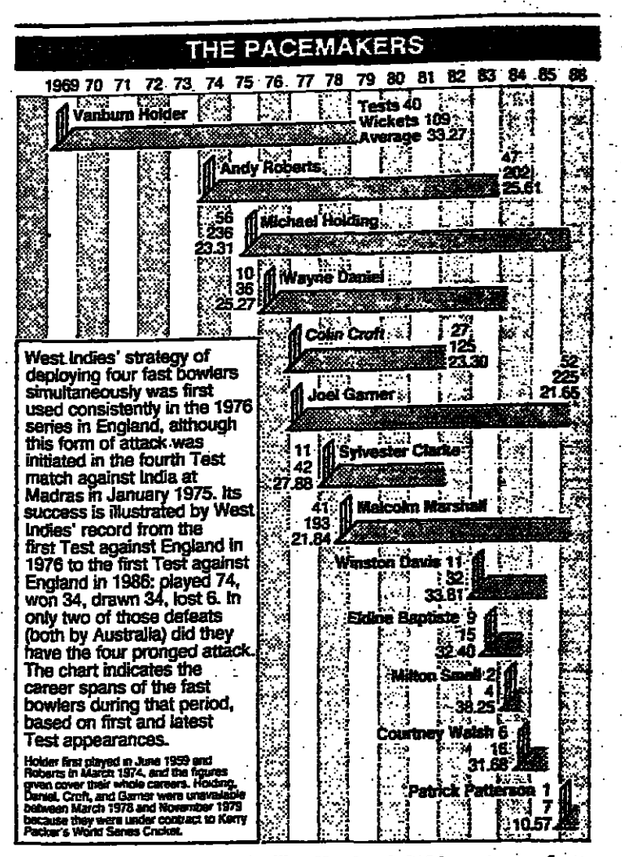
There was a time when Wes Hall would bound in and grind Colin McDonald's rib-cage. The valiant Australian opener would buckle at the knees, clutch his chest as if clinging to his life's thread, and gasp for air. Then he would walk slowly back to his guard and face up again.

This was a stirring display of fortitude, a welcome part of the day's dramatic pageant. After a time, the spinners would come on and there would be a more cerebral, artistic kind of contest.

Today, however, the escalation from Hall to Marshall, Garner, Patterson, Holding and the rest has reached a murderous crescendo which shrieks remorselessly throughout the innings. The thrilling and permissively dangerous one-to-one joust has been replaced by a protracted gang mugging.

West Indian supporters customarily dismiss criticism of the fast bowling overkill with cries of "squealers" or "what about Bodyline, and Tyson, and Lillee and Thomson?" If asked why they play their cricket in this unsubtle way, the only succinct and remotely decent answer can be: "Because it brings victory".

These are dubious retorts, since for every alleged offender from any other country in the past, at least one West Indian fast bowler can be recalled to match. The West Indian authorities cared enough about the humanities of the game to send Roy Gilchrist home from the 1958-59 tour of India and Pakistan when he insisted on spraying a continuous stream of bouncers and beamers.



West Indies' strategy of deploying four fast bowlers simultaneously was first used consistently in the 1976 series in England, although this form of attack was initiated in the fourth Test match against India at Madras in January 1975. Its success is illustrated by West Indies' record from the first Test against England in 1976 to the first Test against England in 1986: played 74, won 34, drawn 34, lost 6. In only two of those defeats (both by Australia) did they have the four pronged attack. The chart indicates the career spans of the fast bowlers during that period, based on first and latest Test appearances.

Holder first played in June 1969 and Roberts in March 1974, and the figures given cover their whole careers. Holding, Daniel, Croft, and Garner were unavailable between March 1978 and November 1979 because they were under contract to Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket.

This diminutive tearaway was still compulsively practising his berserk brand of bowling in English league cricket several years later.

Charlie Griffith was another Caribbean quickie worthy of forensic study, his place in history secure more for his bowling action, which did not satisfy everybody, than for his 94 Test wickets. Those who faced him will remember the horrible path scorched through the air by his short ball, which "followed" the hapless batsman.

One of his bouncers almost killed Nari Contractor, the Indian batsman, and he battered Ken Barrington. But it was not only the men at the top of the batting order who felt his wrath. Young Derek Underwood, round-shouldered and fresh-faced, batting number 11 in his first Test in 1966, took one in the teeth from Griffith. The convention that a Test fast bowler prefers to bowl out tail-enders rather than terrorize them went up in a sad puff of smoke. This was the immediate heritage of today's practitioners.

The "pack" principle was adopted soon after Clive Lloyd's West Indians endured a heavy defeat — by five games to one — in Australia 10 years ago. The motivation was born. Now where were the fast bowlers? In the streets, bars and fields of Barbados and Jamaica there are hordes of six-footers who rejoice in their strength and agility, get their "fix" by propelling a ball fast and eliciting admiration, and eye the advantages that cricket fame can bring with the same eagerness that impelled the unemployed in the Depression to don boxing gloves.

None of the West Indian fast bowlers more resembled a boxer than the cold-eyed Andy Roberts, son of a poor Antiguan fisherman. He bowled his way to fame, fortune and a CBE. Umpire-barging Colin Croft from Guyana, who made a speciality of bowling round the wicket so that every ball had to be on the line of the batsman's body, picked up cash rewards from Lancashire, Kerry Packer's cricket circus, and a rebel South African tour. Croft's bowling action was the ugliest of them all, contrasting with the virile exuberance of Hall, the haunting "slow motion" deception of the giant Garner, and the poetic flow of the lithe quarter-miler Holding. The gross superfluity of fast bowling now tends to obscure aesthetic considerations.

Competition for a high place in West Indies cricket, with its instant recognition and material benefits, is at fever pitch; which perhaps explains why these bowlers seem to be bowling faster and with more frenzy than their predecessors. It may be too glib a theory that Afro-West Indian stock has physical advantages over the Caucasian and Asian competition, but the field of fast bowling, now that all the "shackles" — racial and social — have been removed, bears the mark of West Indian dominance based on force.

The white man, in his supposed traditional perfidy, can do nothing about it this time, even by amending the laws of the game. There are two kinds of Test cricket now: that which concerns West Indies and that which does not.

David Frith

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Power struggle at Battersea

How a local community is losing its fight to stop a multi-million pound leisure complex

It now looks as though the defunct hulk of Battersea power station in south London will begin its new life as a £50 million leisure centre before the end of 1987. The Conservative-controlled Wandsworth council has just confirmed, by a majority of three votes, the earlier decision of its planning development committee to approve this ambitious but highly controversial project.

If the finished article resembles the artists' florid projections, the old building and its surroundings will find themselves transformed into a massive family playground — a 1980s hybrid of Disneyland, Alton Towers and Tivoli Gardens.

The company responsible for the development is Battersea Leisure Limited, headed by John Broome, who is also the chairman and chief executive of Alton Towers. Before the appearance of Broome, a consortium led by the business consultant Sir David Roche had won the competition held by the Central Electricity Generating Board to find the most appropriate scheme for the power station's conversion when it was closed three years ago.

The panel of judges under the chairmanship of Lord Ezra was swayed in favour of the theme park notion by the prospect of some 4,500 new jobs on the 32-acre site. Forty-seven public meetings and innumerable leaflets later the Battersea Power Struggle, as it is locally dubbed, has become an issue which transcends the mere refitting of a *splendid industrial* cathedral. Its more militant opponents object to the fact that the design of the park is in the hands of the Texas-based Leisure And Recreation Concepts (LARC) — aptly for this long-running saga, the headquarters are in Dallas. Hence the temptation to see the whole enterprise as foreign venture capitalism, whose end product will be of doubtful local benefit.

The debate also touches on two of the main preoccupations of the inner city — unemployment and traffic congestion.

For this reason, Battersea Leisure is at pains to project an image of provider of jobs, which is calculated to endear it to a borough with 17,000 unemployed. The company reckons that nearly 50 per cent or 2,000 of the workforce would be recruited locally, most of the jobs taken by people at the younger end of the labour market.

Battersea Power Station Community Group, one of the main opposition voices, takes issue with these figures. It cites the 500-acre Thorpe Park with its full-time staff of just 60, and Chessington Zoo (65 acres, 80 employees) as evidence of Battersea Leisure's "unsubstantiated promises". The group also maintains that if there is indeed to be work for so many, it can only be sustained by an influx of visitors far in excess of the company's forecast.



Riverside landmark: power station to pleasure garden

Considerable importance is being attached to the establishment of a fixed rail link from Victoria station, and a shuttle bus service to be operated by Battersea Leisure. Although the planning application has gone through Wandsworth council, the authority has stipulated that certain demands be met — particularly those related to transport — before work goes ahead.

The Community Group would still like to see the premises used for small local industries, or recreation purposes, though it seems to have accepted the inevitability of the theme park. Tony Spalding, Battersea Leisure's public relations officer, is magnanimous in victory. "I suppose the trouble is that one tends to get polarized in these matters", he says. "Of course we were aware that the volume of traffic was bound to be increased by the park, and we went to great pains to have a proper survey carried out . . . I think it is very much to the credit of those who opposed the development that we have now rethought our original proposals on parking."

The building itself stands by the Thames, a rather reluctant symbol of change, its four famous chimneys stark and redundant against the skyline, shorn of those polluting smoke plumes which were at least a token of its usefulness. It is as high as a 22-storey building, and its mass is sufficient to swallow St Paul's Cathedral whole.

Like so much industrial construction in Britain its very development was as much beset by controversy as is its refurbishment half a century later. Years before it was built, residents and politicians had emphatically declared their opposition. In a Lords debate shortly after planning permission was granted in November 1927, Lord Askwith reminded his fellow members that two decades previously a parliamentary committee had recommended that no generating station should be put up in Battersea as the area was already too industrialized.

Today there is a cavernous silence inside the place — one million square feet of it.

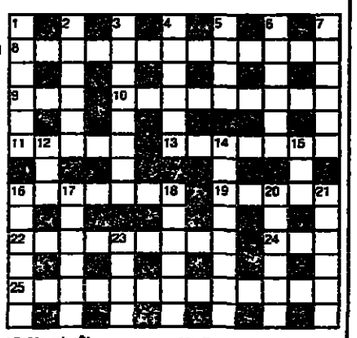
Battersea, of course, is no stranger to the idea of recreation centres, having played host for 30 years to the nearby, and also defunct, fun-fair in the Festival Gardens. In the new age of leisure, much of which is enforced by rising unemployment, tourism and its related pursuits have become a growth industry, earning an annual sum of £36 million — 27 per cent of consumer spending, or 8 per cent of the national income. If and when the developers have their way, Battersea power station is poised to play its part in the new current of wealth generation. Whether this will improve the lot of those who live in its immense shadow remains to be seen.

Alan Franks

Intolerable burden on clogged streets

Last year Sir Frederick Snow and Partners, the company's traffic consultants, estimated that of the three to four million visitors a year expected at the complex during its first five years, about 65 per cent would travel by car with a further 25 per cent arriving by coach. Despite the developers' plan to provide parking spaces for several thousand cars, some residents fear that the traffic generated will put an intolerable burden on the area's narrow and already clogged streets.

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First, the title, which is "not altogether facetious"; it refers to the second bank of the typewriter, Anthony Burgess's instrument these 30 years. The good workman praises his tools, and is "scared of making the transition from clattering Qwert Yuiop" to a "velvety" word processor. With the clatterer "the rest of the household knows that you are at work and does not suspect you of covertly devouring a *Playboy* centrefold". Quite.

Some may find this on the pseudish side of self-indulgent. Yet Burgess is right to introduce this selection from his journalism by drawing attention to the typewriter by which he lives. He is famous as novelist and on television, and known to be a composer; but he is still bound to the hack's machine. "The rewards of the serious novelist are meagre, and he needs journalism to augment his insufficient earnings from art." What's more he enjoys it; bound to Qwert Yuiop, he is still a free man, as are all who take pleasure in their work. Reviewing keeps his name before the public and his mind fresh. It imposes "an admirable formal discipline." We have here about one third of his journalism in the given years. The standard is high. Freshness and discipline are two of the features. Burgess is never boring. There is not a piece here from which I have not derived entertainment and instruction. He can be extravagant in judgement, sometimes wilful and wrong-headed, but never for long. In Johnson's words, the man has a bottom of good sense.

Johnsonian is a word too easily used. Nevertheless it can be applied to Burgess. He is both magisterial and lapidary: "Writers are rarely good at undestanding their own work, let alone discoursing on it"; "Art begins with craft, and there is no art until craft has been mastered"; "I shall be unhappy if *The Human Factor* is mentioned in the same breath as Mr le Carrés best-selling deadweights"; "I never enjoy Shakespeare more than when schoolchildren perform him. Stage directors no longer defer; deference is left to the ignorant dead". Such observations, thrown out off the cuff, have an earned authority. They are the fruit of a mature and copiously-stored intelligence.

I often think of him as Dr Burgess. This is not mere whimsy. Hugh McDiarmid, whom he considers perhaps the greatest modern poet, liked to be addressed on formal occasions as Dr Grieve. The use of his honorary doctorate expressed his high regard for scholarship, which Burgess shares. It also hinted at the English affectation of the gentlemanly scholar, prevalent, at least till recently, in Oxford and Cambridge. Like Grieve, Burgess (Lancashire/Irish/cradle Catholic/University of Manchester) finds English amateurism limiting and provincial. Both take all knowledge as their province, and scorn the affectations of a backwater metropolis.

So Dr Burgess puts aspects of English culture in their proper place. He would set Virginia Woolf, for instance, "who thought she had superseded the Edwardians, in the very tradition she attacked." He has as little time for Bloomsbury, "the rich cream of Edwardian liberalism", as the Bloomsberries had for his beloved Joyce: "they did not like what they termed its coarseness, and they were not pleased either with Joyce's comic-epic glorification of the lower middle class." He finds Forster overrated, and Ford's *The Good Soldier* conceivably the best British novel of the century.

He has the little vanities of a great man. It pleases him to write of his friendship with Sophia Loren (but who wouldn't be proud to be able to do so?), and of the "huge Gucci travelling satchel Fellini gave me."

He has read *Don Quixote* three times; Budd Schulberg's *The Disenchanted* 20 times; Rupert Hart-Davis's life of Hugh Walpole 10 times; and *Les Misérables* in two nights and a day. He doesn't (I think) say here how often he has read *Finnegans Wake*, but I once heard him tell the story. He revels in words, though once rebuked by the Literary Editor of *The Times* for "a mindless bit of parrot jargon". (But that was on television). I hesitate to tackle such a wordsmith, but I think he misuses "timocracy"; and "cacotopia" is vile, suggesting a misderived opposite of Utopia. Samuel Butler knew better. His sweeping judgements are sometimes too much. Do "all boys dream of copulating with the Fat Lady"?

Here he writes of music, language, places, people, as well as literature; and it is abundantly good. Is he right, I wonder, in thinking that Waugh wrote too well for a novelist? He gives his reason: "a work of fiction should be, for its author, a journey into the unknown, and the prose should convey the difficulties of the journey." That's a sentence to set students to discuss. It is the work of a man who has pondered his craft. "The novelist is a confidence trickster, while it is the task of the scholar to abhor treachery and teach scepticism." To which one might add that the novelist sets out to dispel unbelief: "A few years ago in the city of Y-, in the province of X-, there lived a man..."

For all his brio, he is fair. His favourite novel is *Ulysses* (there's a marvellous warm essay on Ellman's *Joyce*). Yet he points out its fault: "It evades the excruciating problem that most novelists set themselves: how, without blatant contrivance, to show character in the process of change." His summing-up is perfect: Joyce "reminds us that life is a divine comedy and that literature is a jocose and serious business."

Zest, intelligence, wit, and a short way with nonsense are characteristic: "Artists, who get no end of a kick out of the trade they practise, are always eager to say what hell it is." Quite. He agrees with Johnson that none but blockheads write except for money, but himself writes also for love and to celebrate. This invigorating and enriching book is one to buy, despite its price, not borrow. Meanwhile, Dr Burgess will be typing another review, and a novel, and probably an opera (score and libretto), a film script, and a book on language, while that thud in the passage represents another parcel from the literary editor, which, after all these years and words, he will still tear open, eagerly. Bless him.



Growing up today in the US of A

FICTION
Gillian Greenwood

IN COUNTRY
By Bobbie Ann Mason
Chatto & Windus, £9.95
BURNING HOUSES
By Andrew Harvey
Cape, £9.50
THE LIGHTSHIP
By Siegfried Lenz
Methuen, £8.95

Bobbie Ann Mason provides the latest offering from a talented and ever-expanding group of American women novelists whose gift lies in the encapsulation of American culture within the framework of family relationships. The variations on a theme are plenty, as each individual imagination invests the material with its own colours. *In Country* is Miss Mason's first novel. Her trademark is an attention to detail as she writes about the difficulties of a seventeen-year-old girl growing up in a small town in Kentucky. Her points of reference in the great American experience are pop songs and television.

Samantha Hughes is the daughter of a man who was killed in Vietnam before she was born. She lives with her mother's brother, a disturbed Vietnam veteran whose preoccupations are more in tune with Sam's than with those of his mature contemporaries. The novel looks at the girl's growing awareness of the confusing aftermath of Vietnam on American society. Small town life is recorded down to the last coke can and hamburger wrapper. The heat and emptiness are palpable. Sam's existence is an alienated one, despite the fact that she is living in the place she grew up in.

Miss Mason's novel lacks the skilful construction of some of her contemporaries' work (the leitmotiv of the television programme, M.A.S.H., for instance, is rather laboured), but nonetheless she achieves a remarkable final scene in the book, a mass mourning with a refreshing grain of optimism.

Andrew Harvey's novel, *Burning Houses*, could be from another planet for all the relation it bears to the details of small town America. Set in Paris, it is a very exotic creation, not much concerned with the outer world, and sometimes rather confusing. Charles, a man in his early thirties, has written an autobiographical novel about the ending of his love affair with a married man, Mark. The story of their last few days together is told as a novel within a novel, as Charles reads his work to an outrageously camp old film director, Adolphe ("the worst in the world after Ingmar Bergman" he says).

The best parts of the novel (and they are very good) are about the relationship between Charles and Adolphe, which emerges as that of disciple and guru. Adolphe is a brilliant piece of characterization. When he is present, the novel dazzles and entertains with rich imagery, wit, and a canny observation wrapped in high camp style. Everyone speaks in an aphoristic manner. The relationship between Mark and Charles is less successful and sinks into banality – though the author is one step ahead of this criticism, as is clear when Adolphe remarks: "Why is it that when we meet Wonderboy we always speak like Rita Hayworth? Can it be the banality of the movies enshrines a great truth?" The answer to that is probably yes; but it doesn't make them great art.

An altogether different sort of moral confrontation is set up in *The Lighthouse* by Siegfried Lenz, a remarkable, spare psychological thriller whose tensions, though deliberately understated, have an undermining quality that makes the novel extremely menacing.

The lightship of the title is on its last watch. Freytag, the ship's captain, has brought his adolescent son with him on this final duty. Fred believes his father to be a coward; to have a shameful secret in his past. The crew pick up three strangers in a drifting boat, who come aboard the anchored ship to wait for a lift across the channel. A game of cat and mouse now begins as a strange relationship builds between Freytag and the enigmatic Caspari, the brains behind the criminal team (for that is what the three are). Freytag is forced to make a series of moral decisions which neither his crew nor his son understand. A three-way battle of wills ensues, conducted for the most part behind a layer of silence, the dialogue being brief but for the most part loaded.

Siegfried Lenz is a sixty-year-old German writer who, though popular and celebrated in his own country, is not much translated here. On the strength of this novel, it is a pity.

The Jolly Roger of polemic

SEXUAL DESIRE
By Roger Scruton
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.95, paperback £8.95

John Wilson

Readers familiar with Dr Scruton's political polemics may be surprised, but should be reassured, by the standard of erudition and argument that pervades this book. Described in the blurb as "an intellectual adventure", it covers an immense amount of ground, and is more illuminating in its asides and *apercus* than in offering cogent conclusions based on conceptual analysis; but if the conclusions are not always cogent, that is because he is bold enough to take on not only a wide variety of authors, but also almost every concept that has sexual connections (persons, desire, love, gender, perversion, marriage, jealousy, prostitution, obscenity, friendship, beauty...). An author who adopts this semi-encyclopaedic approach should not be judged solely, or even primarily, on his predictably conservative conclusions, which aim at the "restoration of the sacred" and avoiding the loss of innocence.

This *richesse* is only an *embarras* to the reviewer. But there are two major methodological issues that the reader will want to consider. First, the author takes an Aristotelian rather than a Platonic approach to virtue and morality ("Virtue, like friendship, is a disposition to intentional action"): he is concerned with what people do rather than with an unmoralized concept of their mental health. He is consequently unsympathetic to Freud and in particular to the Freudian unconscious, regarding Freud as a kind of failed scientist; and is insufficiently impressed by the fact that people have *histories* that continue to influence them. On any account these histories are mysterious, and somehow have to be probed if we are to understand how sexuality works: it is not merely a matter of social conditioning plus conscious choice. Some story has to be told, if not the stories of Freud or Melanie Klein. For a decent social life Aristotle is an excellent guide: for something more the deeper insights of Plato and his followers may be needed.

Secondly, it is not entirely clear what Scruton regards as a conclusive argument in philosophy: his interesting discussion on method leaves this open. Rightly stressing that the main problem is one of description, and placing himself among analytic philosophers, he nevertheless adopts an approach far removed from that of their most influential mentor, J.L. Austin, whose slogan "linguistic phenomenology" seems tailor-made for the purpose. There is in fact little close-knit discussion or dialectic of normal usage: one must assume that Scruton supposes there to be comparatively little mileage in such discussion for the topics in question. That seems to me, though possible, a rash idea to hold in advance of actually trying it. The difficulty is that, if we abandon the conclusiveness of Austinian discussion, we are left only with certain intuitions described more or less persuasively..

This is fairly typical of much modern philosophy. Certainly what Scruton has written is interesting, lucid, perceptive, and to the point. Whether or not we agree with some, all, or none of it, his book should be read by anyone seriously concerned with the topics he investigates. It is a genuine work of philosophy: and an ounce of that is worth a ton of political ideology.

It's Soap but is it Art?

THRILLERS
Tim Heald

IMPOSTERS
By George V. Higgins
André Deutsch, £9.95

It is all immensely silly, of course; but also sprightly, and arch, and mercifully short. Some of the jokes are fearful: his fellow spook claims to have a disease so dire that it makes him not only seem drunk but also smell drunk; the Prince is a pederast with a passion for ice cream; and a concierge is put in a pillory with a sign round his neck saying I WAS RUDE. Books like this are a welcome antidote to reading another sort of thriller altogether.

● *First Loyalty*, by Richard Lourie *(Macmillan, £8.95)*. There is a grim topicality about a book that opens in a Soviet Labour camp, with two prisoners discussing imminent release, one to Leningrad, and the other to exile. The second at least is no Shcharansky, for he is the creature of Anton Vinias, head of SPETSDESINFORM. He is not, comrade, what he seems. Meanwhile, in another part of the double world, Vanka-Vstankchas has made a breakthrough and discovered that there are "chemical or endocrinological substances related to areas of unusual human activity – the longevity of certain Georgians..." If the substances are what we think, then we can all live 40 per cent longer than usual.

The author is a Russian and Polish translator, who apparently knows the Russian exile world in New York. As described here, this has the ring of truth. I'm afraid I was not, however, convinced by the plot, the shooty-bangs, and, least of all, by the elixir of life.

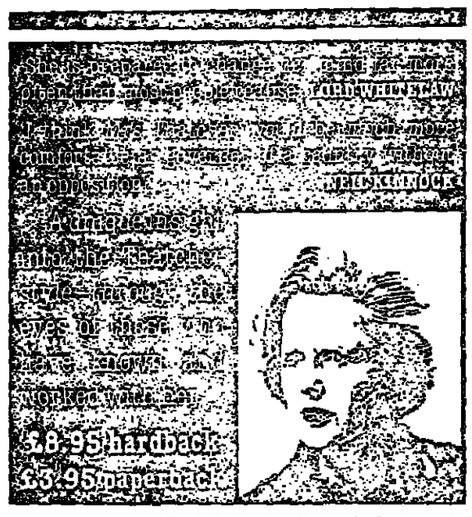
● Walking Shadows, by Fred Taylor *(The Bodley Head, £9.95)*. Swastika on the cover, and Admiral Canaris of the Abwehr appearing in the first few pages ("Ah Otto. You look exhausted, dear boy") arouse strong prejudices in me. I have been here before, and on balance I would prefer not to go again. Nevertheless, this is a very accomplished first novel, and compares well with most of the Untold Secret Stories of the World War Two sub-genre. I think Mr Taylor may turn out rather well, if only he gets off the beaten track; and comfort may be taken from the fact that he is said to be researching his next book in Australia. Perhaps it will be the definitive Oz blockbuster about the dark, lean, international newspaper proprietor, with the incredibly beautiful blonde wife, who comes out from Down Under and ...

● Nowhere, by Thomas Berger *(Methuen, £8.95)*. I'm a sucker for a bad pun; so when Russell Wren is accosted on Twenty-Third Street by a derelict, who asks, "Will you buy my birthright for a pint of message?", I was half won over. By the time Russell has been bombed out of his apartment and hijacked on to Sebastiani Royal Airlines, where the first thing the stewardess says is "Would you like to skveese the breasts?", I was fairly certain.

Wren, a playwright who can't get his third act together, has been making a modest living as a store detective in a Manhattan deli. Now he appears to have been assigned to the mid-European principality of San Sebastian as an undercover agent, disguised in a plaid jacket and polyester trousers of kelly green, turquoise, and magenta.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Ponting's new target

Does Clive Ponting know something we don't? He is about to start writing a book on Lord Wilson of Rievaulx entitled *The Wilson Years*, just a year after being acquitted on official-secrets charges. Ponting plans to sell his Islington flat and move to the country to write his *magnum opus*, which he reckons will take two years. Yesterday Wilson told me he was unaware of the impending book. Ponting, whose insider book *Whitehall: Tragedy and Farce* is to be published this month, should find the Wilson years a rich field. In particular the top-secret Polaris improvement programme, later revealed to have cost a cool billion pounds, should satisfy Ponting's taste for controversies over official secrecy. And what's more, how will Lady Falkender shape up in the book?

Balancing act

Michael Heseltine will not be amused to know that he has unwittingly made a contribution to CND. He took such a shine to a *Guardian* cartoon of himself that he gave cartoonist Peter Clarke £250 for the original. Clarke's wife, a veteran peace campaigner, blew her top when she heard and covertly removed the sum from their joint bank account and sent it to CND.

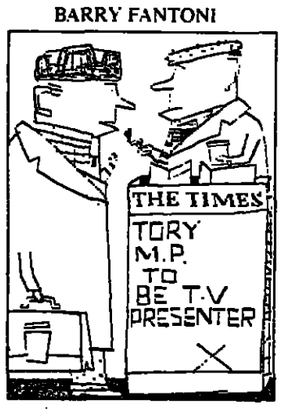
Facing facts

Norman Howard, chairman of the GLC's historic buildings subcommittee, got a nasty jolt the other day when he ripped off February from his kitchen calender. Illustrating March was a line drawing of St Mary-le-Strand Church, for whose restoration his committee has recently given thousands. The caption reads: "Built by coal owners to celebrate the return of the Tory government . . ."

Still game

Tory MP John Carlisle will address the Monday Club at Oxford after all. A meeting at Oriel two weeks ago, at which he was to have spoken on South Africa, was called off when he was confronted by a crowd of demonstrators too thick for him to pass. It has now been rescheduled for next week, at a venue to be announced. It will be an all-ticket affair and the police are being kept informed of the arrangements. "This time we are determined the meeting will go ahead," says University Monday Club president Simon Clow.

BARRY FANTONI



'I suppose he's eager to get a knighthood'

Never too late

We all know how late you can safely ring up a single man (11.30 pm), but what of Mrs Thatcher? Tory MP Peter Bottomley tells me that he was in Brussels during the Heysel Stadium disaster and dared to ring her at 1.30 a.m. A bobby was sent up to see if her bedroom light was on. It was. When Bottomley had at last given his news and Mrs T had asked him to "give my very best wishes to everyone in hospital", she broke off, then came back: "Oh! Denis says 'not to the villains'."

Frocked

Has Rome stolen a march on Canterbury? In a letter asking for a character reference, the head of St Bernard's Roman Catholic school in High Wycombe says the applicant "has applied for the post of Home Economics Assistant (Part-time) at St Bernard's school and has given your name as a priest . . . to whom reference may be made confidentially." The addressee? Miss M Woolcott.

UN-privileged

Lord Trefgarne, a government spokesman in the Lords, has confirmed my report that, unlike the USA, Britain is to withdraw United Nations privileges from visiting Unesco officials. Replying to questions about my report, he said international organizations could not "expect to enjoy full privileges and immunities in a state which is not a member". Unesco is being a bit more generous towards us. Its Paris HQ is honouring an undertaking to put up and entertain 75 British youngsters at a conference next week of the British Council for Education in World Citizenship. "Mr M'Bow [Unesco's head] may speak. It's pretty sporting of them," says the council's director, Margaret Quass.

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Tense time in the BA cockpit

Duncan Campbell-Smith on the fears that privatization will stay grounded

It is seven years since leading members of Mrs Thatcher's shadow cabinet disclosed a few tantalizing details of their privatization plans in the run-up to the May 1979 general election. Prominent then on everyone's list of target companies was British Airways. And surprising as it may seem today, the proposal to sell BA, announced in the Commons by John Nott in July 1979, actually marked the inauguration of the privatization programme.

BA is still awaiting take-off. This week, not for the first time, tense discussions are being held in the City and in Whitehall about whether BA should finally be given the green light. This time, the distinction between another postponement and an effective cancellation looks finer than it has ever been.

Lord King, BA's chairman, has made clear his own conviction that the airline must be sold in June or July at all costs. Any attempt by the government to thwart him and his board in the coming weeks — and there is every sign that this could be the plan — is sure to prompt a dramatic response.

It is not hard to understand the strong line being taken by King and his senior executives, the most conspicuous of whom have joined BA since 1981 hoping to enjoy a spell at the top of a leading private-sector airline. But their acute impatience reflects more than just accumulated frustration.

They fear that BA's already fragile credibility in the City might well have trouble surviving another setback. The accountants and stockbrokers were originally set to work on sale documents back in 1980. Then BA was overwhelmed by the world airline recession of 1980-83: its borrowing rocketed and the City turned from speculation about the correct pricing of shares in BA to gossip about its chances of survival.

In 1984 work on the sale documents was resumed, but after six months BA fell foul of the US courts because of its part in the 1982 Laker Airways collapse. Back went the privatization papers into the filing cabinet, where they stayed for most of last year.

Now the airline is trying again. A presentation of its wares has been given to select gatherings all over the country. Stockbrokers have prepared their final selling reports. Media time has been booked for a television blitz. In short, BA's board has already taken a flyer on a July sale — and the cost of another postponement has risen accordingly.

Other candidates for privatization — notably British Gas — would keep BA waiting until well into 1987 . . . and the present bull market cannot last forever.

This week's talks have acquired an added tension because BA is deeply suspicious of the government's motives for even considering another postponement, and fears a change of heart.

Two pretexts exist for shelving the July date. BA is not yet free of the Laker imbroglio. The US anti-trust actions against BA could well be settled on March 17, but others have arisen to worry the Transport Department.

Second, the debate between BA and Whitehall over the airline's finances and their implications for UK domestic airline competition has become badly tangled, even by the standards of past pre-privatization horse-trading.

From the government's viewpoint, both issues demand extreme caution. On the legal front, BA protests that the sums involved are now relatively insignificant and the potential for embarrassment strictly limited. The civil servants are not so sure. BA offered uncomfortably similar reassurances for most of 1984, until the Laker action blew up only days before a firm commitment was to be made to a February 1985 privatization date.

On the finances, the Treasury appears to have no crying need for the proceeds of a BA sale during 1986/7. And the government is still concerned about what a private-sector BA might do to its domestic competitors, were it to be unleashed with one of the most powerful balance sheets in the international industry and freedom to flex it at will.

The Civil Aviation Authority proposed radical reforms two years ago aimed at exactly this problem: but they were comprehensively disregarded in a white paper, *Airline Competition Policy*, in October 1984. Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, has now been reminding Transport Department officials of their promises since 1984 to nurture more competition in the UK sector.

The question this week is how far Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, is prepared to endanger the sale of BA in order to avoid potential complications over the latest US courtroom dramas or the impact of BA on its commercial rivals. Have the attractions of privatizing BA begun to fade altogether, now that the lure of the marketplace has helped restore it to its present rude health?

But as the company's financial recovery suggests, great sacrifices have been made in the name of BA's sale since 1979 — not least by Ridley himself, since it was he in 1984 who swept aside the CAA's earlier objections over competition. There are many both inside BA and beyond who would see a cancelled sale, after seven tortured years, as a breach of political faith. King can be expected to lead them from the front.

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Ronald Butt

Why the Tories must take care

By using the little grey cells, one can usually predict the outcome of the next election at this stage of a parliament. Thus it was clear by the end of 1968 that Harold Wilson would be ejected, as he was in 1970 for failing to deliver his inflated promises. The nation's memory would defeat him.

It had been equally clear in advance that Mr Wilson would oust the Tories in 1964, since a wind of intellectual fashion was blowing for the classless, social democratic party into which Labour had apparently been transformed. The nation wanted a wholly new dispensation, just as when it replaced James Callaghan by Mrs Thatcher in 1979.

Today, Mrs Thatcher is not at risk for failing to fulfil her principal promises. She has drastically cut inflation; reformed and democratized the unions; denationalized industries on a scale few had thought possible and spread ownership. All this has been so popular that David Owen is now preaching the social market economy, and Neil Kinnock has relegated re-nationalization to the bottom of Labour's priorities.

Nor is Mrs Thatcher likely to be turned out because there is a wind of intellectual fashion against her and *for* either of the opposition parties. Why, then, have so many moved from her? The reason is their belief that there are now new priorities which ought to replace the old ones, and that Mrs Thatcher does not understand this. They feel morally uncomfortable and unhappy. As Gallup has shown, on all the social issues (principally unemployment, followed by health and education) the overwhelming verdict is that Labour would handle them best, followed by the Alliance and with the Tories third.

It is sometimes said that because those in work prosper, unemployment is less politically important than it seems. But it is a mistake to think that unemployment will swing seats only where it is very high; if that were so, why should the Tories be under so grave a threat from the Alliance in the prosperous South? There is more altruism in voting than is supposed — provided not voting Tory doesn't let Labour in.

In the social area which now causes most public concern, the government is paying the price for failing to attempt the radical reforms to which it was originally attached, and for showing clear signs of not knowing what to do next. It was implicit in its original programme that it would somehow reform the social services to concentrate funds where the real needs are. Instead, fearing radical change, it has trimmed funds where expedient, too often harming the good more than the inessential. It was also supposed to bring in a new deal on education, the failings of the comprehensive system (for which Labour was largely responsible) being one of the Tories' 1979 advantages.

Instead, it has introduced a small but useful assisted places scheme, and Sir Keith Joseph has valuably inspired a new approach to the curriculum. But it has done nothing radical. Instead, the schools have been locked in a devastating strike, for which political clumsiness as well as union militancy is responsible, and the government has wasted its energy talking about a voucher scheme which its officials have talked it out of. Now Mrs Thatcher talks of going up that path again.

More generally, concern about health and essential social services will not be stilled by bandying figures of higher spending, any more than worry about old people dying of hyperthermia will be stilled by reeling off figures to show how much more the government is spending on their heating. When Mrs Thatcher did that in the Commons on Tuesday she simply sounded as though she minds more about defending her record than thinking of new ways of tackling the problem.

Reciting high spending figures simply sounds hard-faced and uncaring. The public judges these things not from figures but from what it knows from its local experience about (say) the problems of hospital admissions, or from what it reads in the papers. Ministers taking their stand on total figures sound uncaring because they have been so long in office. They sound not like responsive politicians but civil servants obsessed with the letter of the law.

Mrs Thatcher should face the fact that the credit for past successes is being used up. Moreover, the intellectual climate which sustained her before and after 1979 has lost force, partly, one suspects, because the government's failure to attempt in practice the ideas it applauded in theory suggests that they weren't very practical after all. Meanwhile, the government wastes its energies on tortuous policies (first there was local government; now there is the over-sweeping bill on Sunday trading) which offend many of its natural supporters.

Applauded for what it has done, disliked for what it is doing and failing to do, criticized for incompetence over Westland, the government is faced by a Labour Party trying to shed its leftist image and an Alliance which is likely to get new credibility from the May local elections, from its certain by-election capture of Derbyshire West and possible victories in Fulham and, conceivably, Ryedale.

A growing number of people would vote for Owen and the Alliance if they thought it would not let Labour in, and they could get that reassurance from these election clues. For the first time since 1951, we have a wholly unpredictable general election coming. The government has no reason for despair, but every reason for worry and action.

Bernard Levin



A means test without the meanness

The trustees of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington (that amazing building which looks as though it was designed by the Emperor Domitian in the last throes of the DTs) have announced that they are to impose a modest admission charge, starting at the beginning of April next year; possibly they thought that by giving 13 months' notice of their intention they would escape criticism of the proposal, inevitable if the shocking news were to be released only on the eve of Black Tuesday.

In this reasonable hope they were, as I could have told them, reckoning without the Army of the Righteous, who have dedicated their lives to ensuring that nothing they approve of shall ever be changed. In command of the vanguard on this ocasion was Lord Jenkins of Putney, never reluctant to set his tonsils aquiver in a bad cause. Before you could say turnstile, he was accusing the museum's trustees of wanting to send small boys up chimneys, and insisting that if the plan were to be carried through it would inevitably lead to a vast increase in the incidence of kwashiorkor, rickets, bilharzia and phossy jaw.

This could be the end of civilization as we know it. Or not, as the case may be; I have never been able to see why Britain, almost alone among the civilized nations of the earth, refuses to charge for admission to the national art and scientific collections. Nobody thinks it strange that although the National Theatre and Covent Garden are heavily subsidized their patrons still have to pay for their seats, or that, despite public ownership of the Post Office, stamps are not free, or that those who were responsible for the nationalization of the mines failed to include a provision for coal to be given away at the pit-head to anyone bringing a wheelbarrow.

Visitors to Florence must pay to enter the Uffizi; in Munich a charge is made for inspection of the treasures of the Alte Pinakothek; the same is true of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, the Prado in Madrid, the Kunsthistorischesmuseum in Vienna, the Museum of Fine Arts in Brussels, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Louvre in Paris. Indeed, of some 40 public galleries and museums in Paris, all but three charge for admission, though almost all of these have at least one day a week when the fee is waived, as do almost all the places on my list. And it is not self-evident that the citizens of Italy and West Germany, of the Netherlands and Spain, of Austria, Belgium, America and France, have less artistic sensibility than we do, and even if it were, that might not necessarily be the direct consequence of the fact that they charge for admission and we do not.

As it happens, the Natural History Museum is instituting charges because the alternative would be to sack 80 members of the staff, which I should have thought Lord Jenkins would deplore even more strongly. But given the fact that even Maecenas and Lorenzo de Medici had to draw the line somewhere, there will never be enough money for museums and galleries to put on as many exhibitions as they would like, or to improve their buildings to the extent that they would like, or to acquire as many additions to their collections as they would like; what is the objection to their charging reasonable sums (with concessions to the truly unmonied and a free day a week) to those who wish to enter, and whatever the objection is, why does it not apply to the rest of the world?

I do not see why we should stop at art galleries. Apart from the apparently implacable resolve on the part of the librarians to extirpate the practice of reading, what was the real reason that authors were paid for library loans of their books not by a charge of a penny a book a withdrawal, but by the weird, cumbersome and inadequate system that was finally adopted, Public Lending Right? It was, surely, our national determination to go on pretending, in the teeth of the evidence, that there *is* a free lunch, that resources are infinite, that Christmas comes far more often than once a year, that it is profoundly immoral to charge anybody for anything except in a shop, if there.

I will go further. Try to put out of your mind your knowledge that I wish to send women down the mines and restore the Combination Acts, the Elizabethan Poor Law and the Slave Trade; can you tell me, coherently, why those who can afford to pay for some or even all of their medical treatment under the National Health Service should not do so? I do not use the NHS; but I have an unrestricted right to, and if I did, I would not think it odd, let alone outrageous, for a man with my income to make up at least some of the expense incurred by the taxpayers (despite the fact that I am one of them) whenever any of my numerous, distressing and astonishingly varied diseases has to be attended to. What is more, I would not think it wrong for a man with considerably less than my income to be obliged to stump up *something* towards his medical treatment, be it no more than £1 for a visit to the doctor and a fiver for an operation. Such rates would still be far below what the facilities cost, and there is already a precedent in the charges for NHS prescriptions.

You see what I am getting at? If you do, but are so appalled by it that you find it too painful to dwell upon, let me do the dwelling. What is wrong with a means test? Not what *was* wrong; the old one, before the Second World War, earned its odium by the crude and offensive way in which it was drawn up and applied. But for the life of me, I cannot see why a reasonable and humanely administered form of it is in itself a sin that cries aloud to heaven.

It takes not more than seven seconds' thought to realize that we already have a gigantic means test, enforced throughout the land and applying to all classes and conditions. It is the progressive income tax, under the terms of which, when a government wishes to spend or waste a few billion pounds, it raises the wind by confiscating, without apology or thanks, much of the income earned by the citizens, with those who earn more obliged (very properly) to pay more. And, most curiously, this means test is not denounced, indeed is applauded, by those who scream themselves hoarse at the suggestion of graded payments for medical treatment, let alone graded reductions in welfare benefits.

Or charges for admission to museums and art galleries maintained at public expense, even if there are no such charges on Sundays; which is where I started. The denouncers and hoarse-screamers point to the terrible example of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has recently begun to solicit a *voluntary* entrance fee of £2, and has seen its attendance figures fall sharply. My view of the V & A's scheme is that £2 is too high and the voluntary nature of the charge absurd, but that the principle is valid. Let Sir Roy Strong reduce the charge to 50p and make it compulsory, and then keep his nerve; within a year, everyone will have forgotten that it was ever free, and will be handing over the money without demur or even thought. It will be easier, of course, if other public museums and galleries were to do the same, and I hope they will. And if they won't, perhaps the government, when it has finished re-enacting the legislation for whipping sturdy beggars through the streets at the cart's tail, might take a deep breath and compel them to.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Incongruities incorporated

I am a great fan of radio, which I consider to be an advanced form of television. (The pictures on TV are very drab and mundane compared to the mental pictures produced by radio.) But I had forgotten until last week that Radio 4 is also responsible for the invention of a kind of English which is not found anywhere else in the media: the radio link. This consists of taking two topics which have absolutely nothing in common and then finding a link between them, and the more tortuous the better.

The example I heard last week came from a presenter who was linking a murder thriller to a programme about cheese-making. Before I tell you how she did it, perhaps you would care to think how *you* would find a connection between murder and cheese. Give up? Well, she said: "And from something blood-curdling to something rather more milk-curdling . . ."

Once you get the way their minds work, it becomes a little easier. She might equally well have said: "And so from the gruesome to the Gruyere . . ." Or perhaps: "After the rising gorge, we move to the Cheddar Gorge . . ." If, on the other hand, she had been looking for a move from palaeontology to cheese-making, it would be: "From the world of the Neanderthal to the world of the Emmenthal." It's like a game really.

That's probably how they do it at Radio 4, as a kind of game. They're sitting round in the Radio Link department, hugging their mugs of tea, and somebody says: "All right, how do you get from opera to natural history? Thirty seconds, everyone." After 30 seconds, somebody says: "And so from the world of Madam Butterfly, we move to the world of real butterflies."

"Mmm, not bad," says someone else, "but how about, From the world of the Merry Widow to the world of the black widow."

"Or, how about: Die Fledermaus of course means a bat, and that's exactly what we'll be looking at . . ."

"No, no. That's a link into a *cricket* commentary."

What's amazing is that this sort of contorted thinking has not spread into anything else. It seems a natural way of doing the Radio 4 news headlines: "New controls were announced today by President Mubarak to bring tourism back to Egypt. And talking of pyramid selling, that's just one of the many financial devices that Mrs Thatcher promised this afternoon to examine more closely, as she spoke in the Mother of Parliaments. But it was the mother of Russian dissident Yuri Orlovsky who made the headlines in Moscow today with a brave declaration of liberty. A brave declaration of another kind was made by David Gower in Jamaica, where England are only 356 behind the West Indies and their steaming attack, though steaming is hardly the word to apply to the weather which will continue cold and frosty. Now the news in detail . . ."

You couldn't run whole programmes like that, though could you? Well, I'm not so sure. Richard Baker does it on *Start the Week* by turning the speciality of one guest into a question for all his guests, and Libby Purves is starting to do it on *Midweek*. The other day she had an American guest, who had written a flip work on philosophy, and she found herself asking another guest about his concept of the world. As he was a Scottish bagpiper who had been invited to speak about piping, he was understandably flummoxed. I don't think Libby Purves realized what she was doing; she had just fallen under the spell of the Radio 4 link school of linguistics.

This sort of thing, thank goodness, has not yet spread to Radio 3, where they continue to concentrate single-mindedly on organ recitals and lieder. Talking of leaders, that's exactly what your will find on the page opposite this piece, and if it's organ recitals you prefer, you only have to turn to our medical report. Reports of a different kind are regularly ringing out in Beirut, though if it's Bayreuth and not Beirut you're interested in, there's almost certainly an opera piece on the arts page, and talking of pages, the Court Circular will tell you all you want to know. But for those more interested in the North Circular, our traffic report . . .

Not a game. More a disease.

Taking refuge in the reference books

The addition this year of Birmingham as a centre for a regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship has lessened the pressure on Bristol and obviated the need to eliminate any of the competitors there. Londoners, however, must continue to fight for survival in the championship, and an Eliminator puzzle. No 16,980, was set for them in last Thursday's paper.

As solvers may have noticed, this puzzle was intentionally difficult and, unusually, reference books were needed for its solution. Competitors who have qualified for the London A and B finals will be informed as soon as the entries have been checked. In the meantime here is a layman's guide to the answers. *(See solution above today's crossword.)*

Across: 1. CLAW-HAMMER is facetious for a dress coat, so one may seize, or claw, the forger (fabrication for the blacksmith's hammer) who is wearing it. 6. FAZE, sounding like (in a whisper) phase, or stage. 9. A measure, em, for (i.e. instead of) den (study), in the word denigration, giving EMIGRATION. 10. NISI, Latin for 'save' or 'except', hidden in 'an ago*nising* fate'. 12. SHEM — She (Rider Haggard's *Ayesha*) + m (abbreviation for married). Shem being the brother of Ham, the namesake of Ham Peggotty in *David Copperfield*. 13. The Woman in White refers not to the novel by Wilkie Collins but to PIERETTE, the feminine of the French pantomime figure pierrot who had a whitened face and hat, a performer on the pier ("overseas"). 15. ALGERNON Moncrieff in *The Importance of Being Earnest* had a flat in Half-Moon Street and turned out to be Jack Worthing's brother. 16. STRATI, or sheets of cloud, anagram of ARTIST. 18. DATA (facts) reflected or reversed in MI (State of Michigan or Mississipi) = MATADI, chief port of Zaire. 20. DRY-PLATE, a sensitized photographic plate from which a picture can be made without preliminary use of bath. 23. A GHOST-WORD ("spirit-message") is a word that arises from error; for example Tweed which was a misreading of tweel, the Scottish form of twill. 24. AE, the pen-name of George William Russell, Irish poet and journalist, round PS ("writing under signature") = APSE. 26. NAIL, driven by Jael through Sisera's temples (*Judges 4,2 ff*). 27. Sides of HAM = H & M, each with OGEN (anagram of GONE) = HOGEN MOGEN meaning Holland or The Netherlands (See *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*). 28. IRMA appears backwards in Amritsar, the City of the Golden Temple. 29. Talk or CHAT to ELAINE, the Lily Maid of Astolat, whose story is told in Tennyson's *Lancelot and Elaine* = CHATELAINE, a key-holder.

Down: 1. "From CLEE to heaven the beacon burns" (*A Shropshire Lad*). 2. A BISH (mistake) over A G(-string) = ABISHAG, the Shunammite virgin brought in to warm David in his old age by lying in his bosom (*Judges 1,1-4*). 3. "E's a kind of giddy HARUMFRODITE." Kipling's description in *Soldier an' Sailor too* of a Jolly, or Royal Marine. 4. METAPHOR — Pa (father) reversed in anagram of mother. 5. EPOPEE, an epic: the poet POPE in the middle of GrEEce. 7. The heroine of the light opera *Naughty Marietta* going topless becomes ARIETTA, a little aria or air. 8. E(astern) PI-MEN (divines) IDES (March 15) = EPIMENIDES, Cretan religious teacher (and an early Rip Van Winkle) — see Brewer. 11. "I can trace my ancestry back to a PROTOPLASMAL atomic globule . . . I was born sneering" — Pooh Bah, *The Mikado*. 14. SALMAGUNDI, or *The Whim-Whams and Opinions of Launcelot Langstaff Esq & Others*: satirical essays and poems by Washington Irving and others. 17. GRADIENT, anagram (indicated by *The Vortex*) of TRAGEDIAN minus A. 19. Most of THe O (love) IS inside MM (messieurs) = the doctrine of THOMISM. 21. EG, example, in ASSAI, the Italian "very" in music = ASSEGAI. 22. L (left) in MOOCH (skulk) = MOLOCH, "horrid king, besmear'd with blood". (Milton, *Paradise Lost*). 25. An/seri/ne, or like a goose, leaves ANNE when disheartened.

(And my apologies to any of you who were).

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COUNCILLORS AND THE LAW

Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Ted Knight imported into local government ideologies alien to the proper management of common services. In a regime of grants and revenues requiring special prudence they played fast and loose. They were warned, by their own officials, by the district auditor, even by the leaders of their own party. They persisted, and caused a loss of the public money they were in office to steward and conserve. Such abuse of trust deserves penalty.

The manners and methods of *Militant* and the fact of the parallel conviction of several of the surcharged Liverpool councillors by the Labour Party will make yesterday's municipal punishment seem appropriate. But the rightness of the judgement and the procedure used against the Lambeth and Liverpool councillors must not be allowed to turn on the conceit of a Derek Hatton.

The judges carefully examined the manner of decision-making in the two council chambers last year. They demonstrated, pretty clearly, that decisions to delay making a rate were taken for the crudest of political reasons — to frighten or cajole the government into coming up with extra money. No one who listened to winter debates within the Labour Party in 1984-85 can doubt that was the reasoning employed by the Lambeth and Liverpool activists. It also has to be said that the lever in much of their discussion was the decision by the former Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Patrick Jenkin, to make a concessionary payment to Liverpool City Council in 1984.

Despite Mr Jenkin's protestations there was a belief that he would repeat his act in 1985. The councillors made a political miscalculation. But because they did so significant sums of public money were lost. The judges have, not for the first time, clarified the boundary between party politics and the operation of public agencies. The law, for local government, makes it plain that political gamesmanship is not a valid reason for manipulating the budget making process.

The despatch of Mr Hatton and Mr Knight does not end the case. The terms of the judgement, despite some equivocation on dates by Lord Justice Glidewell, clearly open the possibility of suits against half a dozen other councils including Camden and Sheffield. It is no good for the Audit Commission to insinuate that this should be a matter for private prosecution. The Commission may be reluctant to involve itself further in politics, but it cannot extricate itself at this point. Having instigated the punishment of the Liverpool and Lambeth councillors, it really must proceed with actions against the others. Equality of treatment demands that.

And at that point the wider implications of this judgement must be considered — not least in the Department of the Environment and other quarters of a government not usually counted friendly to the municipal cause. To hold councillors responsible for an abuse of trust and remove them from office is one thing but it is quite another to bankrupt a group which, standing behind Mr Hatton and Mr Knight in mistaken but sincere support, includes a number of common people of small or negligible means.

Pursuing them for the surcharge is a heavy fate; even harder is to impose on them the cost of an action which, at the very least, has served a useful general purpose by clarifying the operation of the 1982 Rates Act and other law. It is pertinent to remark how few other public officials, elected and unelected, stand to be have their financial decisions held up to minute scrutiny by the likes of the district auditor. There are many public officials who, without penalty, have lost the public purse considerably larger sums than the £230,000 involved here.

To make councillors so specially responsible raises the question of incentives to local office holding. If local government — meaning the honest use of discretion by elected members — matters then the calibre and number of candidates for office matters too. The judges, in their wise determination of this case, may have hastened the decline of local government by raising yet another barrier to discretionary local administration. They have certainly raised its price.

A WASTED EMERGENCY

The declaration of the State of Emergency in South Africa eight months ago was a double-barrelled political gesture. It was designed to allay right-wing fears that Pretoria was losing its grip and to shock the unruly township mobs into obedience to the state. In the event Pretoria succeeded only in shooting itself in the foot.

Far from putting out the fire of black rage, the presence of the police and the army in South Africa's townships fuelled it to the point where, despite all President Botha's assurances to the contrary, the death toll today is as high as it has ever been.

But the damage was not restricted to the black ghettoes. There is little doubt that the State of Emergency, a tacit admission by Pretoria that South Africa was in deep trouble, hastened its international isolation, brought foreign camera crews and journalists flocking to its shores in the mistaken belief that the revolution was at hand and persuaded foreign bankers and investors that their funds were under threat.

It also added the withdrawal of the army from the townships to a lengthening list of non-negotiable demands by black activists. The irony was that, apart from the perceived need for a political gesture, the State of Emergency was not really necessary. The South African security forces already possessed extraordinary powers of arrest and detention to deal with civil unrest. Indeed, it would seem that, even as the Emergency is lifted, those powers may be extended to grant the police permanent immunity against prosecution arising from their actions in situations of unrest.

But just as the imposition of the State of Emergency was a political gesture, its lifting at a time when the violence continues unabated, has a similar political intention. It will certainly produce a collective sigh of relief in Western capitals, but its main purpose must be to persuade at least some black leaders to leave the streets and return to the negotiating chamber.

There is little doubt that Pretoria has been deeply shocked by the general rejection of its offer of a Statutory Council to negotiate power-sharing with the country's black majority. It is to be hoped that President Botha's announcement, despite the hint of further police powers, will help at least some black leaders across that stile.

One of the most distressing, if largely unreported, elements in the complex South African equation has been the horrifying increase in violence by blacks upon blacks in recent months. Tribal faction fighting has exacted a growing toll, while a spate of political executions carried out by warring black opposition groups has splintered their ranks even further.

Since President Botha feels secure enough to lift the State of Emergency, the black opposition should realise that unrest is not about to topple the South African regime. It should start thinking instead about the kind of future it wants to inherit.

The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start. The lifting of the State of Emergency could provide the opportunity, however slight, for leaders to succeed where the mobs have failed.

SYRIA'S UNACCEPTABLE FRIENDS

The Fatah Revolutionary Organization, better known by the name of its founder Abu Nidal, is held to have been responsible for the loss of 90 lives last year. The Christmas attacks at Rome and Vienna airports were just the most graphic illustration of its methods.

The brutality of Abu Nidal's campaign does little for the future of Palestinians and still less for the reputations of those countries which tolerate its activities. Those countries include Syria, whose foreign minister has been in Britain this week as an official guest of the Government.

Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, at a press conference yesterday, argued that the organization's office in Damascus was concerned with politics and the press, that "not even a knife" was allowed into the building by the Syrian authorities. His country opposed violence, regretted that so many innocent civilians had been hurt. But its policy was to give sanctuary to all those who stood for the Palestinian cause, even those with whom it disagreed. Even Yassir Arafat was allowed there, he explained.

This is not good enough. There is an argument, it is true, that it makes sense to allow one's enemies to expose themselves - that even the tip of the iceberg gives some indication of what might lie below. But the blind eye which Syria turns towards it makes a nonsense of this claim. The one characteristic which Abu Nidal's unfortunate targets share is that they support, or their governments support, a policy of compromise in the Middle East. If Syria wants to become a leading influence upon the course of events there must come a time when it publicly and firmly dissociates itself from the ideology of terror and from those who preach it.

But whether Syria is prepared to do so remains very questionable. The murder of Mr Fesser al-Nasri, the moderate Palestinian leader who was gunned down outside Nablus [illegible] on the West Bank at the weekend, was the second and perhaps fatal blow to the peace process which had recently owed so much to the efforts of King Husain. The first had been the breakdown in dialogue between Amman and Yassir Arafat over the latter's continuing refusal to accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 (with their implied acknowledgement of Israel's right to exist). The next option for the disenchanted Husain was to turn for Palestinian support to the moderate West Bank leaders - of whom al-Masri was among the more notable. His assassination (possibly by Abu Nidal) would seem to have blocked that alternative. So where does Husain turn next?

The most obvious road is that to Damascus (in fact it is President Assad's turn to go to Amman). Syria has a role to play in the Middle East which is important - and could be crucial.

However opposed the Syrian government may now be to the politics of compromise, however strongly it supports policies which Israel is unlikely to accept, President Assad will have to face up to the fact that sooner or later he will have to bend. He could start now by demonstrating that Syria is prepared to take a firmer stand against those like Abu Nidal whose activities set them apart from all men of good will.

Nimrod decision

From Commander Peter Bruce, RN

Sir, Your leader (February 28) about the £900m Nimrod debacle shows, with hindsight, this affair was another triumph of ambitious home sales talk over common sense. So the Defence Secretary, seemingly, is going to tighten up procurement procedures. This is twaddle.

In 1976 it was crystal clear to some that Nimrod was likely to be another lame attempt to match the USA in technology in one bound. Either we should go back to the time the decision was made and parade those politicians and Services officers who got it right or wrong. Alternatively, have Service officers stay in the job much longer, so at least someone will believe he will still be around when the project is due to come to fruition.

Yours etc,
PETER BRUCE,
Kestrel Cottage,
Shirley Holms,
Lymington, Hampshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Danger of delay on whisky bid

From Lord Polwarth

Sir, I have not intervened to take sides in the contest for the hand of the Distillers Company, but it is important that wider considerations be taken into account than simply the possibility of domestic monopoly which led to the reference of the original Guinness proposals to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The recent House of Lords Select Committee on Overseas Trade, of which I was a member, emphasised the vital need for export-led growth of our industries if the country is to survive the inevitable run-down of North Sea oil without a grave reduction in our standard of living. Few industries have such a record of, and potential for, contributing to our export growth as the Scotch whisky industry.

Guinness have now withdrawn their original offer and submitted a fresh one which would result in a less dominating position in the UK market, while still creating a strong and competitive world-wide marketing group.

In considering whether to refer this new offer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, I would therefore urge the Government to bear in mind the delay, probably of several months, which would result from such a reference, and the immediate advantage which this would give to the other bidder.

Whichever suitor would make a more satisfactory match, at least let them both contest it from an equal start, without one of them having their hand tied behind their back from the word "go".

Yours faithfully,
POLWARTH,
House of Lords.
March 3.

'The Holocaust'

From Dr A. Polonsky

Sir, I was moved by the savage indignation which pervaded Piers Brendon's review (February 27) of Martin Gilbert's *The Holocaust*. But in one area his anger at the Nazi crimes committed against the Jews leads him astray. To claim that "the Poles tried to complete Hitler's work after the war" is a travesty of the truth.

It is true that a fair number of Jews died in the near civil war which racked Poland between 1944 and 1948. Some of these deaths were the result of clearly anti-Semitic incidents, the worst of which was the pogrom in Kielce in July, 1946, in which at least 36 Jews died. Yet to hold "the Poles" responsible for these tragic events is quite unfair.

The anti-Jewish violence was condemned by the communist-dominated Polish Government, the official and still legal opposition headed by Stanislav Mikolajizyk, all the still functioning anti-communist underground forces with the exception of a small openly pro-fascist group, and the Polish Government in London.

Moreover, a number of serious analysts have argued that the Kielce pogrom was the result of a provocation on the part of some communist officials which aimed at embarrassing the opposition by tainting it with anti-Semitism.

No one would wish to deny the existence in Poland of anti-Semitic feelings. But the simple equation of the Poles with the Nazis is grossly unfair and inhibits a clear-sighted and dispassionate analysis of the tragic fate of both Jews and Poles which is so vital if we are to move away from the harmful stereotypes of the past.

Yours sincerely,
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Oxford.
February 27.

Paying for gas

From Mr J. C. Jones

Sir, I have received an estimate for installing a gas supply which specifies "cash with order". The estimating engineer quoted a delay of at least seven weeks before the work would be started.

How can the gas board justify ths imposition of an interest-free loan of some hundreds of pounds?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. JONES,
Ashgrove Farm,
Ashgrove Road,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
February 24.

Anomalies on Sunday trading

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, in his letter which you publish today (March 1) pleads for the kind of Sunday which had disappeared in this country, and in other advanced countries, long before the Shops Bill was introduced. It could *not* be recreated if that Bill were rejected.

In this country at present four million people work regularly on Sundays. They work in continuous-process industries, such as cement, in hotels and catering, in transport, in the media, in electricity, in gas, and public services generally; and also in residential establishments. Did Cardinal Hume dispense with domestic and catering services on Sunday at Ampleforth?

If his Eminence really wants to create the kind of Sunday which sounds so attractive in his letter, he will need to agitate for the prohibition, presumably backed by the criminal penalties which at present apply to shops, of all these activities. He would then be quite logical in his opposition to the freeing of shops.

So far as his suggestion of a compromise on shops is concerned, the Auld committee found, after full inquiry, that there was no compromise which would *not* create further anomalies and unfairness.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
March 1.

From Sir David Price, MP for Eastleigh (Conservative)

Sir, In his St David's Day letter to you about Sunday trading, Cardinal Hume reaffirmed his support for the "Keep Sunday Special Campaign". At the same time, he pleaded with the Government "to establish a compromise that secures the common good".

In my judgement, such a compromise lies readily at hand, waiting to be used. It is to be found in paragraphs 219-221 of the Auld committee report, entitled "local decisions". The thrust of this compromise lies in the following quotation from paragraph 219:

... shopping seems to us to be one area where a reasonable case might be made for local discretion. Shopping is primarily a local activity, employing local people and it would be local residents who would be disturbed by any untoward noise or traffic congestion.

The local authorities have long experience as the enforcement agencies for trading hours, so there would be nothing new in placing the responsibility upon them. There are numerous variations of the local option compromise.

The local option amendment moved in the House of Lords was too complicated to survive. I would like to propose a much simpler version. Each local authority would be required to determine only two issues. First, will the local authority permit Sunday opening in its borough or district? Secondly, if the answer is in the affirmative, what are to be the permitted hours? These two issues could be settled either by the elected councillors or by a local referendum.

This compromise avoids all the manifest difficulties of exemption by type of shop, size of shop, periods of the year, and all the other exemptions which were examined and dismissed by the Auld committee.

It is true that the Auld committee having examined variations of the local option compromise decided against them, because in their view local option "would aggravate the variations that the present inconsistent enforcement of the law has produced". In fact my compromise would eliminate most of the anomalies of the present Shops Act, because if shops were permitted to open, they could sell anything they wanted, so that the only problem of enforcement would be one of hours.

Of course, my compromise might lead to variations from one district to the next. No doubt this would offend the contralists amongst us, but were differences in the past in early closing hours so devastating? In any case, what is so offensive in differing expressions of local democracy?

Space forbids me to spell out my local option compromise in more detail, including possible nationally determined exemptions such as the sale of newspapers, but I offer it to the Government in the spirit of St Mark's Gospel that, "the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath".

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PRICE,
House of Commons.
March 3.

From Mr Robert Hicks, MP for Cornwall South-East (Conservative)

Sir, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster argues persuasively for keeping a balance on the sensitive issue of Sunday trading. Few would question his analysis of the existing situation.

The Cardinal understandably advocates a compromise solution on the basis of a legal framework. The key question surely is whether or not such a compromise is available on a sound and sustainable statutory basis.

Partial restriction must imply the arbitrary drawing of limits. This could be based on the hours that shops may open, restricting the numbers they employ, or limiting the range of products they are allowed to sell. Local authority discretion has also been suggested as a possibility.

Legislation on the basis of any of these or a combination would most certainly in practice again result in the growth of anomalies and inconsistencies that currently exist.

I for one would be delighted and indeed relieved if a satisfactory formula could be found that combines choice and an absence of absurdities. Perhaps the Cardinal could oblige — since at the moment I can see no alternative to the Government's proposals.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HICKS,
House of Commons.
March 4.

English misused

From Mr. M. S. E. Robin

Sir, The comments (February 25) by several professors of engineering on the declining standard of English mastered by engineers are certainly well founded. What they did not mention, however, is the appalling inability of British professional engineers to speak European languages.

Departments of engineering in the United Kingdom fail to encourage students to study other languages and certainly fail almost totally in the provision of language courses. When these are available they are often poorly taught and understaffed.

There are, of course, exceptions, but when one considers the emphasis on these skills amongst our European counterparts we should be very worried.

L'Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne states that for chemical engineers, to know English and German is "indispensable dans la vie professionelle". German and Swiss universities allow their students to study for a year in another country as a recognised part of their course. British universities do not accept this.

If Britain wishes to regain her former engineering prowess, she must realise that insularity is a hindrance.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. E. ROBIN,
Imperial College, SW7.
February 27.

Keeping out the cold

From Mrs Atsuko Sakiyama

Sir, In Japan, in the old days, a hole for a furnace was dug in the centre of the living room and a table was placed over it. We used to use solid charcoal balls for fuel and cover the table with a quilt and place a wooden board on it.

Nowadays the charcoal balls are replaced by an electric heater *(kotatsu)* which is attached to the underside of the table board. We can put a *kotatsu* anywhere in our houses or flats without digging holes in the floor. You only need to lay a rug on the floor, place a *kotatsu* above it, cover it in the usual way and switch on. In this way you can save fuel charges incredibly.

A *kotatsu* is never a shabby piece of furniture. When you provide a beautiful quilt with a wooden board, it looks gorgeous and once you are accustomed to its comfortable warmth you won't be able to leave it.

It is an ideal way of keeping you warm because your legs and feet feel warm while your head is kept in cold temperature. You can enjoy writing, reading, eating, playing cards and many other things on the table. It assures you will be very warm physically as well as financially, and will save many people from hypothermia.

Yours sincerely,
ATSUKO SAKIYAMA,
61 Hodford Road, NW11.
February 28.

Silence out of court

From Mr Patrick Healy

Sir, Bernard Levin (February 28) and the Lord Chancellor argue that judges should be forbidden from making extra-judicial utterances in public. Lord Hailsham claims additional vigour for this view from the so-called Kilmuir rules, which to him represent the consensus of the judiciary in favour of a self-imposed vow of silence. Both fear that judicial loquacity is inimical to the independence of the judiciary and that it would compromise impartiality in the administration of justice.

Their fears would be well founded if judges allowed themselves unbridled licence to give partisan and polemical opinions on matters of public controversy. But matters of controversy do not exhaust the range of public interest and I would suggest that judicial comments on non-contentious matters of public interest would be welcome.

It would be difficult to prescribe a definition of non-contentious matters, and not least because the substance of future litigation cannot easily be foreseen. Such a definition, however, is probably unnecessary.

Judges accept as a condition of office that they cannot speak about matters *sub judice* and they are selected partly on the basis that their qualities include the good sense and self-discipline to observe principles of this kind. At the same time many judges publish extra-judicial writings of an analytical or scholarly nature and though these convey the opinions of their authors it has not yet been argued that activities of this kind are incompatible with the duties of a judge.

Can we not trust the judiciary to exercise their judgement to refrain from expressing opinion that would compromise their ability to adjudicate impartially? Judges, excluding perhaps the Lord Chancellor tend to be tight-lipped people; no doubt they would be loath to speak publicly on matters of general concern that are unrelated to the administration of justice. Freedom of speech is quite compatible with a judge's oath of office if exercised with circumspect discretion. In view of the myriad weighty matters that are entrusted to the judiciary I am confident that the judges would exercise this discretion wisely.

There is no basis for saying that extra-judicial silence is a superior virtue and there is no demonstrable need for positive rules on the subject. Indeed, the Kilmuir rules are otiose.

The position espoused by Mr Levin and Lord Hailsham implies, of course, that judges would transgress their strictures if they were to participate in the public discussion of the right of judges to participate in public discussions. It is a silly idea.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK HEALY,
University of Oxford,
Centre for Socio-Legal Studies,
Wolfson College,
Oxford.
February 28.

Meaningful terms

From Miss G. M. Pentelow

Sir, I thought I needed a desk top calendar but discovered that I needed a date case.

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN M. PENTELOW,
King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry of King's College London,
Denmark Hill, SE5.
February 27.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 6 1934

Rasputin was murdered on December 29/30, 1916 and his killer, Prince Youssoupoff (1887-1967) was exiled by the Czar to Kursk. In August, 1934 MGM, which had made a film on Rasputin, and Youssoupoff's wife, Princess Irina, who died in 1970, agreed to cease all litigation, on condition that the film contained a statement that the part of Natasha was fictional. The film was first shown in London in June, 1933 with Lionel Barrymore as Rasputin.

Law Report, March 5

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
PRINCESS YOUSSOUPOFF AWARDED £25,000
YOUSSOUPOFF v. METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURES, LIMITED

Before MR. JUSTICE AVORY *and a Special Jury*

The jury returned a verdict for Princess Irina Alexandrovna of Russia, the wife of Prince Youssoupoff, of Rue Guttenberg, Boulogne-sur-Seine, Paris, assessing the damages at £25,000, in the action in which she claimed against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Limited, cinematograph film producers and distributors, of Upper St Martin's Lane, W.C., damages for a libel which she said was contained in a sound film entitled *Rasputin, the Mad Monk*.

The Princess said that the defendants published in the film pictures and words which were understood to mean that she (the Princess), therein called the "Princess Natasha," had been seduced by and was the mistress of Rasputin.

The defendants denied that the film was defamatory and further said that it did not refer to the Princess.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. St. John Field appeared for the Princess; Sir William Jowett, K.C., Mr. H. J. Wallington, K.C., Mr. V. R. Idelson and Mr. Sylvester Gates for the defendants.

FINAL SPEECH FOR DEFENCE

Sir WILLIAM JOWITT, in his closing speech to the jury for the defence, said that Princess Natasha in the film was a woman of a noble character who suffered, if it were possible, from an excess of simplicity and purity, so that she did not see the grime and horror of Rasputin's personality. To say that to liken anyone to Natasha was to impute anything against her chastity was ridiculous...

The Princess had to establish that ordinary, sensible people, who knew her, would think that Natasha in the film referred to her. She sought to do that by showing that Prince Chegodieff in the film, who was betrothed to Natasha, was a portrayal of Prince Youssoupoff, her husband. That she had failed to do...

SIR PATRICK HASTINGS'S ADDRESS

Sir PATRICK HASTINGS, in addressing the jury, said that, if Natasha was a portrayal of Princess Youssoupoff, the film depicted her as a woman who had been defiled by a blackguard...

No one had even suggested that the death of Rasputin was caused by anybody other than Prince Youssoupoff, who lived in the Moika Palace in St Petersburg, and it was known that the death took place in an underground room. In the film Prince Chegodieff killed Rasputin in an underground room in the Moika Palace...

Chegodieff was Prince Youssoupoff thinly disguised. The Princess had been grievously wronged by the film and was entitled to heavy damages.

THE SUMMING-UP

MR. JUSTICE AVORY, in summing-up, said that the case had been described as a novel and unprecedented one, but in his opinion, there was nothing in it to which the established principles applicable to other libel cases might not be applied...

The only question for the jury was whether the evidence had satisfied them that the film character of Natasha would be reasonably understood to represent Princess Youssoupoff by persons who knew her...

All the witnesses called for the Princess spoke with no uncertain voice of their impression of the film. It was for the jury to judge whether those witnesses did not represent a number of reasonable persons exercising a reasonable judgment. Unless the evidence called for the defence convinced the jury that the witnesses called for the Princess were not reasonable or responsible persons, the fact that the witnesses called for the defence thought that the characters of Chegodieff and Natasha represented persons other than the Prince and Princess did not destroy the evidence given by the Princess's witnesses...

After an absence of just over two hours the jury returned and announced that they found a verdict for Princess Youssoupoff and that they assessed the damages at £25,000.

Judgment was entered accordingly for the Princess for £25,000, with costs...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 5: The Prince Andrew this evening opened the Impressions of Israel Exhibition at Selfridges, London, W1.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, Bt, and the Chairman of Sears plc and of Selfridges Limited (Mr Maitland Smith).

Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon opened the North Cotswolds Centre for the Physically Handicapped at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs) and the Chairman of the Centre (Dr A. Rowlands).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, later opened and toured the new school at Blockley, near Moreton-in-Marsh, escorted by the Headmaster (Mr D. Walsh).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 5: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Paragon Station, Kingston upon Hull, in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness visited the Lonsdale Community Centre and the School of Architecture, Humberside College of Higher Education, Hull.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this afternoon received the Honorary Brotherhood of Trinity House, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited The Sobriety, Albert Dock, Hull.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Operation Raleigh, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, later visited the Operation Raleigh Support Centre, Queens Garden, Hull.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this morning visited the New Families Project at Alexandra House, Waterhouse Lane and the Hull Family Centre, Holderness Road, Hull.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson, returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this evening dined with members of the Agricultural Forum at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 5: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Colonel, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), today visited the Regiment in Monmouth.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

A celebration of the life and wit of Dorothy Parker, in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child, will be held at Stringfellow's on March 12.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Bennett Langton will be held at St Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, at 3.30pm, on Friday, April 4, 1986.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Elphinston and Miss R.M. Dunnett
The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Sir John Elphinston of Glack, Bt, and Lady Elphinston, of Northwich, Cheshire, and Ruth Mary, elder daughter of the Rev R.C. and Mrs Dunnett, of Edgbaston, Warwickshire.

Mr J.A. Bell and Miss C.M. Gibb
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of the late Mr Gordon Bell and of Mrs Kaia Bell, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, and Celia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Gibb, of St Martin, Jersey.

Mr R.A. Denney and Miss J. Gentile
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel John Denney and of Mrs Denney, of Withyham, Sussex, and Jane, second daughter of Mrs Jo Anne Scholar, of Washington DC.

Mr C.J. Elliott and Miss J.A. Goodliffe
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Elliott, of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and Jennifer Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Goodliffe, of Bletchingley, Surrey.

Mr P.D.C. Fitzwilliam and Miss V.E. Demuth
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs C. Fitzwilliam, of Esher, Surrey, and Vivienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Demuth, of Wimbledon, London, SW19.

Mr J.M. Green and Miss D.C.R. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, younger son of Professor F.N. Green and of Mrs J. Green, of St Johnsbury, Vermont, United States, and Deirdre, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R.D. Taylor, of Hursley, Winchester.

Mr S. Jain and Miss P.R. Meynell
The engagement is announced between Sharad, son of Professor S.P. Jain and Mrs Jain, of Anandlok, New Delhi, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Meynell, of Berry Hall, Honingham, Norfolk.

Mr R.S.R. James and Miss C. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Ross, son of the late Mr Stephen James and of Mrs Joanna James, of Little Barnfield, South Godstone, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Edwards, of The Mill, Mill Lane, Felbridge, near East Grinstead, Sussex.

Mr S.J.G. Lywood and Miss A.C. Boud
The engagement is announced between Jamie, second son of Mr and Mrs J.H.G. Lywood, of Ashford Court, Ludlow, Shropshire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr T.E. Boud, of Lodge Farmhouse, Shipley, Sussex, and Mrs R.J. Boud, of Honeycrocks, Downash, Sussex.

Dr T.M. McMonagle and Dr S.P. Kelway
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Mr M.A. McMonagle and of Mrs T.C. Turner-Green, of Brighton, Sussex, and Sally, daughter of the late Mr Pryor Kelway and of Mrs O.C. Kelway, of Fulbeck, Lincolnshire.

Mr P.M. Pelling and Miss C.C. Jones
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Clive Pelling, of Woodford Green, Essex, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ellis Jones, of Chester.

Mr B.M. Pellowe and Miss D.M. Kendall
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs B. Pellowe, of Bolton, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Kendall, of Woking.

Mr J. Snelgrove and Miss D. Kirkwood
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Snelgrove, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and Diana (Dingle), daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kirkwood, of Braughing, Hertfordshire, formerly of Totteridge.

Mr A.R. Thomas and Miss M.L. McCarthy
The engagement is announced between Alastair, youngest son of Major and Mrs A.C.G. Thomas, of Dedham, Essex, and Marie-Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. McCarthy, of Lake Forest, Illinois, United States.

Marriages

Mr C.E. Maclean and Miss D. Young
The marriage took place on Monday, March 3, 1986, in Manhattan, of Mr Charles Maclean, eldest son of Sir Fitzroy and the Hon Lady Maclean, of Dunconnel, to Miss Deborah Young, daughter of Mr Lawrence Young, of Chicago.

Captain H.R. Storey, RN, and Mrs J. Harrison
The marriage took place at Crowborough on March 1 between Captain Richard Storey, Royal Navy, and Mrs June Harrison.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given in honour of Dr Carlos A. Saldivar Molina, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, held at the Dukes Hotel, St James's Place.

Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists
Lord Elliott of Morpeth, President of the Water Companies Association, was the principal guest at a luncheon given yesterday by the Council of the Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists at Grosvenor House. Mr R.J. Slater, president, was in the chair and among those present were representatives of HM Government departments, professional institutions and other organisations connected with the water industry.

Victory (Services) Association
The Lord Mayor of London was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Council of the Victory (Services) Association held at the Victory Services Club yesterday. Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, president, was in the chair. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster attended and among others present were:
Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Admiral Sir William O'Brien, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey and Lady Humphrey.

University College London
A luncheon in honour of Professor E.W.J. Mitchell, Chairman of the Science and Engineering Council, was held at University College London yesterday. The provost, Sir James Lighthill, presided. Those present included:
Professor J W Mullin (vice provost), Major-General I H Baker (secretary of the college), Professor R J Audley, Professor D E N Davies, Professor I A Harley, Professor F F Heymann, Professor M O Lilly, Professor G R Stewart, Professor R Wilson, Dr S R Montgomery and Mr A Kurzfeld.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House. The guests were:
The Hon Sir Adam Butler, MP, and Lady Butler, Mr John MacGregor, MP, and Mrs MacGregor, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, and Mrs Rippon, Sir Richard Body, MP, and Lady Body, Mr Eric Cockeram, MP, and Mrs Cockeram, Mr Richard Douglas, MP, and Mrs Douglas, Mr Michael Grylls, MP, and Mrs Grylls, Mr John Mackay, MP, and Mrs Mackay, Mr Michael Neubert, MP, and Mrs Neubert, Mr George Park, MP, and Mrs Park, Mr John Prescott, MP, and Mrs Prescott, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, MP, and Mrs Rooker, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, and Mrs Ryder, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, and the Hon Mrs Scott, Mr Robin Squire, MP, and Mrs Squire, Mr Jack Straw, MP, and Mrs Straw, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, and Mrs Wrigglesworth and the Rev Hamish and Mrs Bozon.

HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a dinner at Admiralty House given in honour of the President of the Bundestag, Dr Philipp Jenninger.

British Veterinary Association
Sir John Stradling Thomas, MP, entertained the officers and guests of the British Veterinary Association at dinner at the House of Commons last night. Those present included:
Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr David Harris, MP, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Mr David Maclean, MP, Mrs Anna McCurley, MP, Sir Peter Mills, MP, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir David Price, MP, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Mr Andrew Stewart, MP, Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, Mr Brian Heskin (president, British Veterinary Association) and Professor Ian Silver (president, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons).

Apothecaries' Society
Professor J.A. Dudgeon, Master of the Apothecaries' Society, assisted by Mr W.F.W. Southwood, Senior Warden, and Dr J.F. Fisher, Junior Warden, was host at a dinner held at Apothecaries' Hall last night. Baroness Trumpington also spoke. Among the guests were:
Lord Porritt, Lord Vinson, Sir Richard Thompson, Sir Peter Tizard, General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, Sir John Peel and Sir Walter Bodmer.

Timber Trade Federation
The Soviet Ambassador, the Polish Ambassador and other members of the Diplomatic Corps were among the guests at the annual dinner of the Timber Trade Federation held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr G.N. Donaldson, president, was in the chair and Mr L.L. Rolland, President of the Institute of British Architects, was the guest of honour and speaker. Among others present were:
Sir David Montgomery, Mr D Poore, Mr C G A Lamarn, Mr C R Corness, Mr R E Groves, Mr A A Lockyer, Mr H C Gilbert, Mr R Hicks, MP and Mr M A Marshall.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, sponsored a dinner held on March 4 at the House of Commons for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Among those present were:
Professor I A Silver, Mr J A Parry, Mr J H Parsons, Mr A R W Porter, Mr J Richardson (BVA), Mr R Cale, MP, Mr R Hicks, MP, Mr G Knight, MP, Mr P Marland, MP, Mr R Maxwell-Hyslop, MP, Mr R Ottaway, MP, and Mr R Page, MP.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Jenny Abramsky to be editor of *Today*, BBC Radio 4's current affairs programme.
Miss Usha Prashar, a research fellow at the Policy Studies Institute, to be Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Legal
Mr Raymond Potter, Circuit Administrator (grade 3) of the Northern Circuit, to be promoted grade 2 (deputy secretary) in the Lord Chancellor's Department from June 9. He replaces Mr P.D.Robinson, who is retiring, and will assume Mr Robinson's responsibilities for the administration of the Court Service and for legal aid matters.
Mr T.S. Legg (grade 2) to be Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, an appointment held by Mr Robinson.

Trust trees

The Oxford avenue of lime and oak trees at Stowe, Buckinghamshire, has been bought by the National Trust. The avenue, three quarters of a mile long, dates from the eighteenth century when Stowe was landscaped by William Kent.

Sale room

Dogged determination wins

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Four highly competitive Japanese dealers ran prices for rare Japanese ceramics through the roof at Christie's yesterday. A Kakiemon vase of around 1680, estimated at £6,000 to £8,000, sold for £36,720 after dogged competition between two dealers.

There has been a shortage of Kaiemons on the market, and this was a splendid example, 27 cms high, painted in brilliant enamels, with characteristic flowers, foliage and rockwork, and in almost perfect condition.

A little Kakiemon rabbit, only 8.3 cms long, his white fur splashed with iron-red, turquoise and blue, was another item that everyone wanted. The price soared to £14,040 (estimate £3,000-£4,000) as one dealer in the room tried to outbid the representative of a private collector bidding over the telephone.

The market for pieces reflecting Western influence in Japan again proved very strong with a late nineteenth century Imari gourd-shaped bottle, painted with a group of early Dutch traders, selling for £7,560(estimate £2,000-£3,000).

Two magnificent seventeenth century lacquer chests that had reached France in the eighteenth century, where they were mounted for aristocratic owners, made prices consonant with their distinguished histories, and were both bought by Lady Abdy, a London dealer.

She paid £22,140(estimate £18,000-£25,000) for a black-and-gold chest from the collection of Compte Charles Louis de Cosse Brissac, and £17,280 (estimate £15,000-£22,000) for a red, black, and gold chest that belonged to the Noailles family, and furnished the little pavilion built for Madame de Pompadour at Fontainbleau.

The most important failure of the sale was a two-leaf lacquer screen with an elaborate inlay of elephants, figures, and landscape. It was bought in at £13,000 (estimate £18,000-£25,000) because it had begun to fall to pieces over the past week; the temperature and humidity of Christie's had not suited, and the lacquer began to lift.

Christie's were investigating with their insurers yesterday where the responsibility lay when atmospheric conditions affected a treasure.

The sale of Japanese works of art totalled £296,578, with 19 per cent left unsold.

At Phillips, a reconstruction of the Battle of Waterloo measuring 25ft by 11ft, and containing 20,000 warring troops, 8,000 horses, and suitable landscaping, failed to find a buyer. Valhalla, the Bath model-making firm who owned it, had hoped to get £75,000 on the grounds that its exhibition could attract an income of £15,000 a year. In the event, it was bought in at £20,000.

The battle was included in a sale of lead soldiers and figures which secured some high prices. An American private collector who had left his commissions with the auctioneer secured a 1928 Brittains two-tier box of British Cavalry at £2,800 (estimate £800-£1,200), and a rare 1938 Brittains biplane and pilot at £2,200 (estimate £1,500-£2,000).





Countess Mountbatten of Burma and Lieutenant-Colonel Cary Owtram, the last surviving British camp commandant on the Burma-Siam railway) admiring a self-portrait (also below left) by Ronald Searle, the cartoonist, drawn when he was a Japanese prisoner-of-war. Lady Mountbatten was opening an exhibition of Searle's wartime works at the Imperial War Museum yesterday. A 1945 watercolour of one of Searle's guards is shown below right.

Church news

Canon David Bentley, Rector of Esher, Surrey, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Lynn, diocese of Norwich, in succession to the Right Rev William Aitken, who died last year. He will be consecrated at Westminster Abbey on July 22.

Latest wills

Mr Neil Edward Wates, of Chiddingstone, Kent, formerly chairman and managing director of Wates, the building company, left estate valued at £6,841,732 net.

Phyllis Mary Dobell Durston, of Oadby, Leics..... £610,510
Mr Vernon Thomas Holt, of Moreton in Marsh, Glouc..... £726,455
Mr John Gwynne Jones, of Broadstairs, Kent £353,088
Mrs Nancy Plews, of Knutsford, Cheshire..... £767,998
Mrs Gladys Eileen Ronald Stopford, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent £388,052

University news

Aberdeen
The following honorary degrees are to be awarded in July:
LLD: Sir Peter Tester Main, chairman of Boots; the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, President of the British Academy; Mr Malcolm Forbes, publisher; Mr David Hockney, artist; Mr Calum Alexander MacLeod, chairman, Lyle Shipping and Offshore Group, and Sir John Thomson, UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations.
DD: The Very Rev John Patterson, formerly Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
DSc: Sir James Black, professor of experimental pharmacology, London University.
LLD: Mr Ian Hamilton Finlay, artist, and Catherine Irvine Carlin, novelist.
MLitt: David Toulmin (John Reid), writer
BSc: Miss Florence Greig, departmental superintendent, department of plant science.

Southampton
Grants
BMT Ltd, £60,189 to Professor Goodrich for the development of seakeeping performance criteria. Wellcome Trust, £52,248 to Dr Ct Ragan to study biogenesis and assembly of mitochondrial NADH dehydrogenase.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £61,827 to Dr AJ Hey, Dr JT Chalker and Dr CR Jesshope to study simulation of statistical mechanical systems on a low cost, high performance transputer array.

Royal Warrant Holders Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year:
President: Mr Timonthy Sandeman; vice-president: Mr Graeme J. Wilson; honorary treasurer: Mr Edward Rayne.

Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, 74; Mr William Davis, 53; Sir Archibald Forbes, 83; Professor Sir Charles Frank, 75; Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, 63; Mr Frankie Howerd, 64; Mr Lorin Maazel, 56; Mr Richard Noble, 40; Lord Roberthall, 85; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, 77; the Right Rev David Sheppard, 57; Lord Silkin of Dulwich, QC, 68; Sir Peter Stallard, 71; Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, 42; Mr D.H. Whitaker, 55; Sir Oliver Wright, 65.

Science report

How garlic ruined a china doll's complexion

By Dorothy Bonn

Antique china dolls and a taste for garlic have brought to light a most unusual occupational hazard; but the risk is to the dolls rather than the patient.

The circumstances involved a 16-year-old girl employed in a factory making reproduction antique china dolls. She complained to her doctor that the sweatiness of her hands caused blemishes to appear on the dolls' heads she was handling. Wherever she touched the head while painting, black speckles would mysteriously appear after the next firing.

But it did not happen with other people. Finding the cause of the speckles need the ingenuity of a biochemist and a geologist from Birmingham University and a physician and a pharmacologist from St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, with help from experts on antique dolls.

Sweat seemed the most likely source of the trouble, and this was confirmed when the girl was asked to draw patterns in samples of the clay with her fingertip. Patters she drew after the first firing consistently appeared as speckles after the second firing. No speckles appeared if she drew the patterns before the first firing, or if she wore rubber or plastic gloves or applied an anti-perspirant cream to her skin.

The team of experts working with Dr Conrad Harris at St Mary's Hospital then examined her diet, since this affects substances secreted in the sweat. The most striking thing was a fondness of garlic, and so the investigators examined her sweat collected overnight after she had eaten garlic and also during a week when she had eaten no garlic.

The beads of perspiration were all found to contain three volatile substances, all of them sulphur compounds.

X-ray analysis showed that clay had a high content of iron manganese, and the speckles themselves contained iron and sulphur; though neither element was found in between the speckles.

And so it was concluded that the speckles were produced by garlic-derived molecules of sulphide compounds in the girl's sweat combining with flecks of iron or iron-bearing minerals in the clay.

Some pople cannot break down certain sulphur compounds, and these therefore pass unaltered into the urine. This girl was one of these so called poor sulphoxidisers but she was unable to excrete sulphur containing breakdown products of garlic.

Since her work was too delicate to allow her to wear protective gloves, the only way she could avoid spoiling the dolls she was making was to keep off garlic.

Source: *The Lancet*, March 1, p.492.

OBITUARY

DR E. A. MacLYSAGHT
Historian and genealogist

Dr Edward MacLysaght who died in Dublin on March 3 at the age of 98, was the first Chief Herald of Ireland and one of that country's foremost historians and genealogists.

Born in England (a fact he was never anxious to reveal), the elder son of Sidney Royce (S.R.) Lysaght, a novelist and poet who came of a landed family in Ireland, he was educated at Rugby in the house of Mr Brooke whose poet son, Rupert, was a contemporary. After a couple of terms at Oxford he took up farming and settled down at a holding his father had acquired for him in their ancestral County of Clare.

He joined the Gaelic League, an organisation for the revival of the Irish language, and through his friendship with George Russell (A.E.) and others in Dublin Arts Club, he gradually became involved in the Irish Ireland political movement.

In 1917 he supported Eamonn de Valera when the reprieved veteran of the previous year's Easter Rising stood successfully for Sinn Fein at a by-election in Clare. Subsequently MacLysaght acted as an unofficial Sinn Fein representative at the Irish Convention which Lloyd George convened in an unsuccessful effort to produce agreement on the Irish question.

He remained active in the independence movement until the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. In 1920 he changed his name from Lysaght to MacLysaght so as to indicate more clearly its Gaelic origin.

In 1922 he was elected a member of the first Senate of the Irish Free State. He remained a senator for three years.

After that he devoted himself to farming and writing. But whereas his previous literary output had consisted of poems and novels both in Irish and English he now concentrated on history. His work *Irish Life in the Seventeenth Century* was a seminal work of social history, depicting everyday life at a time of major transition in Ireland's history.

In 1943 after the Irish government had taken over the Office of Arms in Dublin Castle he was appointed the first Chief Herald of Ireland. He edited a published volume of the family papers of the Earls of Kenmare. In 1956 he became chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, a post he held until he was 85. He published a number of volumes on the origins of Irish surnames.

In 1978 when he was over 90 he brought our memoirs entitled *Changing Times* which provide a charming and informal account of Irish life as he had known it.

MacLysaght was a pure-souled Irish patriot, a friendly and unassuming man. He continued to work and take regular exercise until a few months before his death and he never lost his handsome appearance.

He was twice married and is survived by three sons and one daughter.

DAME JOCELYN WOOLLCOMBE

Dame Jocelyn Woollcombe, DBE, who died on January 30, aged 87, was Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1946 to 1950. In 1949 she was appointed ADC to the King, the first woman to receive this honour.

The daughter of Admiral Maurice Woollcombe, she was educated at Moorfields, Plymouth, and abroad before working in the Naval Intelligence Division during the First World War.

In 1939 she joined the WRNS as a Chief Officer in Plymouth but was soon promoted and appointed to the Admiralty.

As Deputy Director (Manning) she had the formidable task of organising the recruiting, training, advancement and other matters concerning WRNS ratings whose numbers rose to over 70,000. At this time she also laid the foundations of the WRNS Benevolent Trust which later, during her chairmanship, was granted a Royal Charter.

With her intelligence and serenity, she was the ideal person, as Director, to guide the WRNS through the conversion from "Hostilities Only" to a "permanent service". It was not without difficulty that the principles of WRNS service conditions, pay and pensions, were related to those of the Royal Navy and this foresight set the pattern for the future. She was



Dame Jocelyn Woollcombe as ADC to the King

held in great respect and affection by all who worked with her.

On retirement, her influence was invaluable as President of the Association of Wrens (1960-82) and Vice-President of the WRNS Benevolent Trust. From 1951-56 she was Controller of the Sister Trust and in 1957-58 General Secretary of the Hungarian Section of the British Council for Aid to Refugees.

Throughout her life she gave generously of her time in voluntary service with particular interest in amateur dramatics, the Girl Guides, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Girls and Freedom from Hunger.

She was appointed CBE in 1944 and DBE in 1950.

ELIZABETH SMART

Jill Neville writes:

Elizabeth Smart died on March 4 in Soho. She was in her early 70s.

Born in Canada in comfortable circumstances, she fell in love with the impecunious George Barker when she read a volume of his poetry. This led to a correspondence between them which led to a love affair that can only be described as cosmic.

It resulted, if not in the sky cracking, in four children and one lyric work of art: *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept*, first published in 1945.

She followed Barker back to England where she remained, becoming a familiar and even talismanic figure in the pubs and bars of London's dwindling Bohemia: Fitzrovia and Soho.

The publication of the novel when the war was only just over was hardly noticed, but it was reprinted in 1966 in paperback to much acclaim. Bridget Brophy described it as "one of the half dozen masterpieces of poetic prose in the world".

This encouragement resulted in a sequel: *The Assumption of the Rogues and Rascals* which was less about love and more about its aftermath. In her 60s she published *A Bonus*, her deceptively simple poetry.

Her vision could not be more unfashionable among certain feminists today. At core it could be dubbed masochistic but that is to suggest an emotional evasiveness that she abhorred.

The protagonists of *By Grand Central Station* refuse to protect themselves from pain by growing a shell. They are always out there, walking the emotional plank.

Those who gag on a lyric impulse, who like nothing to excess, will prefer milder stuff. But it remains true that for one brief period (in her thirties) Elizabeth Smart, burning on her own pyre, managed to translate those flames into words.

She will be much missed by her legion of Soho friends and by all those to whom she handed on the torch of her very special vision.

MR JOHN SPENCE, MP

Mr John Deane Spence, Conservative MP for Rydale since 1983,and prior to that for Sheffield, Heeley, (1970-74) and Thirsk and Malton (1974-83), died on March 4, aged 65.

He was a civil engineering and building contractor, and a director of a number of companies in the construction industry.

Educated at Queen's University, Belfast, he unsuccessfully contested Wakefield for the Conservatives in 1964 and Sheffield, Heeley, in 1966.

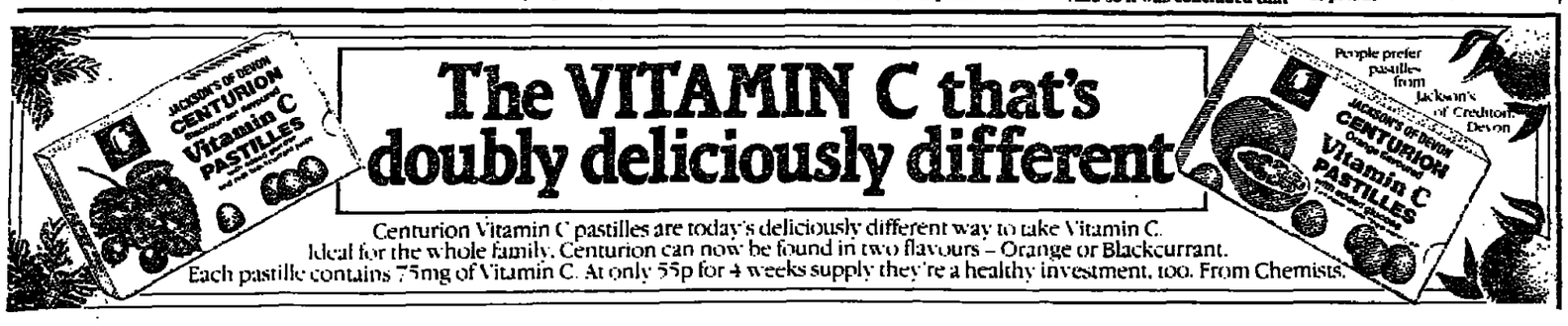
On his second attempt at Heeley in 1970 he won with a margin of 713 votes. In 1974 he won Thirsk and Malton, and retained the redrawn constituency, Rydale, in 1983.

Spence had been a member of the Speaker's Panel of Committee Chairmen since 1974 and was a member of the Commons Select Committee on Agriculture. He was a member of the Wider Share Ownership Council and a leading member of the Conservative back-benchers' industry and agriculture committees.

He was also joint chairman of the All-Party Scotch Whisky Industry Group, and was also former secretary and vice chairman of the Yorkshire Group of Conservative MPs.

Spence was national president of the UK Commercial Travellers Association in 1965 and personal private secretary to the Minister for Local Government from 1971 to 1974.

He married Hester Nicholson in 1944; they had a son and a daughter.



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THE ARTS

Television

Soap as a game of lethal chess

Bobby Ewing, the goody-goody brother in *Dallas* (BBC1), was laid to rest last night, in the presence of all his family, both his girlfriends and his horse. The Twenty-third Psalm was read in resonant tones over his resting place on the South Fork spread, and even his wicked brother, JR, shed a tear.

The death of a major character in any soap opera is an emotional peak for the audience and a logistical nightmare for the series' creators. Their job is like the game of three-dimensional chess played in *Star Wars*; each character represents a strain of homespun philosophy which will give rise to certain predetermined scenarios. With a character removed, the balance of power on the board must immediately be readjusted.

In *Dallas*, as in chess, the action is a battle for supremacy between black and white. This is fought between characters of unimpeachable goodness like Bobby, his mother, Miss Ellie and his former-but-dearly-loved wife Pam, and characters of irredeemable evil like JR and Pam's brother Cliff. People may act out of character to spice the storylines up a bit, but they must always run true to type by the end of the season.

The will-reading, a classic set-piece of the genre, was given the sort of full-blooded treatment the *Dallas* audience expects. The central issue was the disposition of Bobby's share in the family oil company; whoever inherited that would thereafter become JR's natural opponent.

The nerves of the knowing were stretched like bowstrings in the suspense. Dear Bobby's quintessentially sentimental bequests of his horse, his gun and his puppy's gold watch were milked for all they were worth; then at last the lines of battle were drawn as effective control of 30 per cent of Ewing Oil was placed in the frail, manicured hands of Pam.

Instantly, fabulous vistas of internecine squabbling opened up; the subsidiary issue of whether Sue Ellen was going to get drunk and abusive, drunk and raped, or merely totally wrecked was briskly resolved in favour of the last option as the final credits rolled. It was one of those occasions on which *Dallas* seemed to be an art like origami – intricate, skilful and totally pointless.

Celia Brayfield

The mounting rivalry among London's main music colleges reaches a turning-point in an announcement today: **Fiona Maddocks** reports

The excellence of controversy

The Royal Academy of Music, Britain's oldest principal music college, will announce details today of radical plans for its future. These include reducing student numbers by a third over the next five years, introducing an express stream for high-flying soloists and attracting more visits from international artists. The aim is to improve the staff-student ratio, and to increase the Academy's international reputation. An appeal is being launched to help fund the changes.

The announcement will end speculation in musical circles that the Academy want to become a "centre of excellence" for a handful of gifted soloists, with privileged funding and status. This idea is known to interest Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education. He is concerned that too many of our most talented young performers go abroad to finish their training because of inadequate provision here. The Academy's plan has been perceived as an attempt to forestall Joseph.

Sir David Lumsden, the Academy's principal, denies this. "The plans have grown over several years. We are not seeking special status, nor shall we just train soloists. We'll still offer the same comprehensive musical education for all kinds of performers", he says. Indeed he condemns the notion of designating one college as a single shrine of talent. "A tier system would damage the entire profession."

His view is shared by heads of other colleges, of which the foremost are the Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music and Guildhall School of Music and Drama. One called the idea "disastrous". They met Sir Keith Joseph a month ago to express their alarm. Last week, Sir Keith's only comment was that "All educational establishments should seek to be centres of excellence".

But why should the prospect of a "super-school", as it has been dubbed, cause such a furore? Several issues are at stake. The underlying assumption, of course, is that the music colleges are failing in their task. This view – commonly voiced by music critics, agents and promoters, and often based on outdated experience – assumes that the colleges still inhabit the late 19th-century world in which most were founded. They are believed to produce too many mediocre string players, singers who can sight-read nothing later than Verdi and enough flautists to fill the world's symphony orchestras twice over. Having failed as soloists, the players then become bad teachers. Little wonder our best talent heads for Heathrow.

There is scant evidence, though, for this bleak view. Great strides have been taken since the Gulbenkian report (1978) on training professional musicians, which urged cutting student numbers and updating courses to meet today's needs. Numbers are still too high, but this is simply in order to maintain the level of DES funding. Courses, however, have been transformed beyond recognition. Jazz, improvisation and film-music are regular features in addition to the basic repertoire. Contemporary music, once limited to the committed few, is now studied by all.

All this bodes well for most generally able performers, but is it adequate for the exceptional few? As any teacher would argue, in most respects the star soloist is born, not made. Many by-pass the institutions to allow more time for private practice. A new "super-school" would not alter that. The good teacher will always find time for the gifted pupil. Even were that not so, most colleges already have advanced performers' courses which attract applications by music students from all over the world.

What proof is there, then, of a mass exodus of talent abroad? Such evidence as there is seems to deny the suggestion. Of the 354 pupils leaving England's specialist music schools (Chetham's, Yehudi Menuhin, Purcell and Wells Cathedral) in the past five years, only 11 went abroad; 97 per cent progressed to higher training in this country. The major trusts which fund music scholarships report a similar trend.

No one would claim these facts tell the whole story. Nor do they disguise the many problems which beset the music colleges, the biggest of which is too many students. If numbers were reduced, as the Academy now proposes, associated difficulties such as staff and accommodation shortages would be eased, if not solved. It is worth observing, however, that even the Juilliard, with its vastly superior resources, produces only a handful of international soloists in a decade. Students there may see their chosen star teacher only once a term, being farmed out to assistants the rest of the time. The results are little different.

Even the best colleges, however, can only respond to the talent offered. The real issue which needs tackling is what happens at a much earlier age. For a string player, the damage may be done by the age of 11. Conversely, wind players may develop only in their teens when they join the numerous youth orchestras and wind-bands which characterize Britain's musical life. That tradition is now at risk. Some schools have no music teaching at all, and the number of peripatetic teachers has been cut dramatically in recent years to meet government spending cuts.

The consequences of such a trend are obvious. As our advanced musical institutions continue to improve their facilities, attract glossy international names to their staff and raise their musical standards, they will be forced to look abroad for talent to fill the places. This irony cannot be lost even on tone-deaf ears.

Dance

Bösendorfer Waltzes
The Place

If one has to choose between a work of art that has too much in it and one that has too little, the former has to be preferable because at least then we can make our own choices. *Bösendorfer Waltzes*, which Second Stride are presenting at The Place this week, certainly has no lack of material.

Ian Spink, its choreographer and director, says that the Fokine/Stravinsky *Firebird* was his starting-point; but, in collaboration with the composer Orlando Gough, the designer Antony McDonald and the cast of six dancers, a great deal more has crept in. Principally the additions concern the dadaist and surrealist movements in painting and literature. This makes for some mystification and much complexity, probably too much, but it also gives the work spirit.

Each dancer represents an historical character, although I guess few spectators would get beyond identifying Michael Popper as Dali (his account of meeting Freud and presenting him with a treatise on paranoia is hilarious). It does not matter; what they say affords all the information actually needed. And say it they do, at great length to start with: the work is 20 minutes on its way before any music or dancing starts, although there have been some ritual actions, unfolding maps, displaying posters, removing shoes, putting arms in a sling.

The music begins with two pianists, David Owen and Lucy Wilson, revealed at grand pianos hidden under big cloth dolls'-houses. At this point, and at least sometimes thereafter, Gough takes tiny phrases from Stravinsky as the basis of systems music, built on repetitions and transformations – a favourite device of Spink's choreography too. The pianos are apparently supplemented by a pre-recorded tape, and because Stravinsky used four pianos in *Les Noces* we have two other instruments on stage, uprights, which Philippe Giraudeau and Popper sometimes play.

From this point on the dancers also represent characters or incidents from *The Firebird*, again with Fokine's choreography sometimes quoted and developed systematically. At one point we have two female firebirds and one male flickering between tiny repeated patterns of dance; at another Giraudeau and Michel Smith both represent Ivan struggling in the power of Popper and Ikky Maas as Kostchei.

The kiss recurs over and over and once leads to tumultuous mutual seduction; the marriage occurs Magritte-style, faces invisible, beneath a hammer and a sickle. The magic egg is another image that recurs all through, more realistic but finally thrilling.

Add a gynaecological couch that is also a dining table, reminiscences by the cast, red and white feathers, a stage full of apples rolled thunderously from buckets, photographs of Russian politicians, fireworks, and lighting structures pushed around, spread this over 110 minutes without an intermission, and I think you have too much. And yet *Bösendorfer Waltzes* is never boring, and at moments it is entirely magical in mood and effect.

John Percival

Theatre

Music to obliterate thought

Jeanne
Sadler's Wells

From the time of *Godspell*, rock and religion have regularly come together in a misalliance zealously promoted by the church. Whether or not it serves to spread the faith, rock certainly has the effect of putting the mind to sleep: a process illustrated with unusual clarity in Shirlie Roden's rock opera on Joan of Arc, now transferred from the Birmingham Rep to the reprieved Sadler's Wells.

Miss Roden has taken her outline from Shaw's *Saint Joan*, that cathedral to human scepticism. Her libretto even preserves some of the play's acid court satire and ecclesiastical argument; but it is labour thrown away once the music gets going.

Of its kind, the music strikes me as extremely accomplished. It is mainly assembled from sharp little melodic patterns which are diversified to carry an entire scene, and take on contrasting emotional colour. The sound is sometimes sweet, often brutal; but the main thing is that it depends on interminable repetition. It can evoke atmosphere and primary feelings but, when decanted over the stage like hot chocolate sauce, it obliterates character and thought.

Miss Roden demonstrates this herself when, late in the show, she introduces her only comic number, in which two facetious guards try to persuade the armour-plated heroine to put on a dress. The effect is excruciating.

Otherwise the book falls obediently into line, presenting Joan as an iconic figure, erect in a gleaming breastplate amid swirling smoke, and Alençon (Malcolm Roberts) as an idealized blond warrior as apt to fall on his knees as to wield a sword. The one character who does survive is the Dauphin (Brett Forrest), who begins as a Shavian booby but, once in power, leads a rabble-rousing chorus calling for the destruction of the girl who is no longer of any use to him.

The main storytelling novelty is the appearance of Joan's three voices – Saints Catherine, Margaret and Michael – who supervise the action from a heavenly bridge over the stage in the likeness of three Elysian Supremes in skin-tight silver boiler-suits. It sounds ridiculous, but it is justified by their part in the fable. If music dramatizes anything in this show, it is the sight of these angelic swingers urging their trusting protégée on to the next suicidal adventure.

"Now is the time" is their slogan, first catapulting Joan from the village to the court, and then into the siege of Orleans: finally, in the show's masterstroke, they materialize in her cell and joyously tell her that now is the time to go up in smoke. This being a rock opera, it is left to the spectator to decide whether she is entering paradise or whether the Inquisition was spot on in considering she had been misled by demons.

Bill Kenwright's production (with choreography by Anthony van Laast) is well drilled, well lit and thunderously well amplified. Of individual voices, Rebecca Storm has the well-placed sexless purity of a boy chorister, and Peter Straker comes close to obliterating the memory of Shaw's Cauchon in his apparition of a gibbering witch-doctor with wild upswept hair and accusations rising to an unearthly voodoo falsetto.

Irving Wardle

Medea
Gate

The recently formed company Theatre City promised us a new translation (by David Wiles) that would put "modern sentiments" into the mouths of the old characters. Well, it depends whether you consider it a modern sentiment to be revenged on your faithless husband by dispatching his new popsy and her royal dad by means of a poisoned dress, knife your two kids and then set off for Athens in a chauffeur-driven car – visible to us on the video-screen helpfully placed beside the stage.

But, if it is modern language they were after, this translation is an efficient and attractive instrument, up-to-date in vocabulary – as the basic Euripides is said to have been – with just the occasional fancy flourish given to the Chorus. "I have smeared the clothes with suitable chemicals", Medea explains. Somebody else says "Undeniably things have turned out badly".

Undeniably, that is a comic line – and perhaps this is where we find the translation's "modern sentiments". Such unexpected remarks distance the characters from their distress (this is before anyone is killed) while at the same time we can identify with the attitude. It must, after all, be a bit of a blow for this foreign princess, Medea, to come to Greece with Jason and then be shoved aside because he proves to be an upwardly mobile creep wanting to marry into the local royalty.

To emphasize Medea's alien situation Shireen Shah is cast in the title role and all the menfolk are subtly British: a self-satisfied Jason by Michael Kingsbury, allowing a politician's thin smile a brief life on his baby face; a vacillating Creon from Michael Deacon; and – nice touch – Metin Yenal's Aegeus, embarrassed at having to talk about his infertility. Though perhaps putting his hands in his pockets is going too far.

Shireen Shah's performance is hard to follow and raises questions: Why is she shaking her ear-rings now? Being languorous on this line? Speaking this passionate phrase so listlessly?

Truly the heroines are the three women of the Chorus, fascinating young feminists, who start off, in Marina Caldarone's imaginative direction, relishing Jason's imminent punishment. As they become increasingly dismayed, the seductive smiles are wiped away and the growth of their sorrow partly compensates for the lack of an equivalent growth elsewhere. They are played by Hazel Beck, Heather Brookman and Sue Glasser, and they are good.

Jeremy Kingston

Donald Cooper



Gibbering witch-doctor with a heroine of sexless purity: Peter Straker and Rebecca Storm in *Jeanne*

Opera

Soprano sensation

Lucia di Lammermoor
City Theatre, Basle

Basle is the place to catch the Lucia of the rising generation. Eva Lind, born in Innsbruck and now with the Vienna State Opera, has just turned 20. Basle had the wit to engage her to sing her first *Lucia di Lammermoor* and she has responded to this trust by giving the kind of performance that has had the hot-shot agents, and one or two of the conductors who really do take the trouble to cast their own performnaces, descending on this small Swiss city, which has got into the habit of taking a chance with the new.

Opportunities of hearing a *Lucia* with a coloratura soprano carrying all the freshness of extreme youth are rare: even Sutherland on that famous February night over a quarter of a century ago had tackled close on a dozen heavyweight roles before turning to Lucy. Freshness is exactly what Lind's voice possesses, the type of sound the Victorians might perhaps have heard in the days of the teenage diva. With it go extreme musical intelligence, blonde good looks and a slim, tall frame that allows her to skitter across the surface of the stage.

The voice does not have the wistful shades for the Gothic dreams of "Regnava nel silenzio", but once Edgardo has entered the performance takes off. There is no glassiness in the coloratura, no hard edge. She soared over the orchestra in the sextet and sounded even better in the Mad Scene, where one perfectly controlled instrument (the voice) answers another (the flute) in charting poor Lucy's ravings. It comes as no great surprise that Eva Lind will be Adele in the new *Fledermaus* EMI are planning with Domingo conducting, and that Abbado has cast her as Oscar in the forthcoming *Ballo* at the Vienna State Opera.

Jean-Claude Auvray, a favourite producer at Basle, takes his cue in part from Lucia's imaginings by the Ravenswood fountain. He begins by having an audience of stern Victorians, dressed severely in black, assemble for a spa concert in a Malvern or aBuxton. Enter the soprano with her music to sing, presumably, Lucia and she immediately falls under the spell of the heroine, with her brief life and her crazed death.

The device for a few moments looked clumsy, but then began to work its own magic in Mario Garbuglia's elegant winter garden set, complete with metal gallery and spiral staircase. The opera is played in the black and white of which dreams are made, transferring Lucia out of Scott's world of tam-o'-shanters and sporrans into one closer to Wilkie Collins's spectres and women in white. And spectres were the stock-in-trade of Donizetti and his librettist Cammarano in this instance. This highly imaginative staging was clearly devised as a vehicle for Eva Lind, whose fleetness of movement especially in full song would defeat many another soprano.



Eva Lind: one perfectly controlled instrument for the Mad Scene

The best of her colleagues was Emile Fath, given a club-foot as the villainous Enrico and a facial make-up that made him a Donizetti double. His baritone lacked a true *legato* but it has strength and burnished dark colouring. The Edgardo, Eduardo Villa, offered a cruder performance both vocally and dramatically, and sounded more suited to roles like Calaf. For obscure reasons Edgardo's aria from the final scene, "Fra poco a me ricovero", which showed Villa at his best, was placed at the beginning of Act II, before the often-cut encounter of Enrico and his arch-enemy in the tower of Wolferag. The Raimondo sounded tired and out of voice.

The combination of Lind and Auvray could have been even more effective with a conductor tuned to Donizetti. Baldo Podic's handling of the orchestra was too often insensitive and over-strident.

● Future performances are on March 15 and 31, April 6 and 13, May 2, 4 and 14, and June 20. Be warned: tickets are hard to come by.

John Higgins

Concert

RPO/Litton
Festival Hall

A few months ago in these columns I found myself reviewing the same orchestra under the same conductor, in the accompaniment of the same piano concerto – Chopin's No 2 in F minor. It is nice to be able to report that, on this occasion, the Royal Philharmonic's approach to this supposedly dull stuff was just as fresh and alert as before.

But this is not to say that one's attention was anything other than totally held by the soloist, Bernard d'Ascoli. His identification with the piano part was so complete that it was as if he had somehow stepped inside the music, not so much addressing it from the outside as speaking to us from within. The first movement's gentle second-subject tune found a perfect balance between naturalness and sophistication, and the ornamentation in the Larghetto was exquisitely shaded without ever losing a sense of direction. The finale was a remarkable exhibition: I have never heard its dancing cascades of notes sound less like trivial decoration and more like musical sense, with consistently beautiful piano tone even in the trickiest passages.

Andrew Litton did not quite let the wonderfully spacious lyrical paragraphs of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony breathe as easily as they want to – the introduction, for instance, did not grow convincingly from its shadowy beginnings – and he also had some curious ideas about orchestral balance (rampant horns throughout). But he had a knack of making things happen. The big climax to the first movement's development section was thrillingly brought off; and, similarly, his view of the build-up towards the crowning peroration of the entire work was differently conceived from what we usually hear, and to my mind entirely right.

Both here and earlier, in the *Force of Destiny* Overture, the RPO were in their usual lively form, the strings especially relishing some of Verdi's nifty-er passagework.

Malcolm Hayes

The Rising of the Moon
Guildhall School

Of all the things that might have been created at the end of the 1960s, an operatic romantic comedy must be one of the least likely, which is why the neglect of Nicholas Maw's *The Rising of the Moon*, after the performances at Glyndebourne for which it was commissioned, did not appear so very shameful. The piece simply had to be unworkable. But a glowing, good-humoured and richly pleasurable revival at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama has proved that it is not at all. And it surely cannot be that anyone has been put off by the curtain-line wish of one of the characters, that the rest of the British army might depart from Irish shores with the 31st Royal Lancers. After all, this is 1875.

Or is it? The strength of the opera is inseparable from its ambiguity about date – a kind of ambiguity for which Strauss provides the nearest model. There is a sumptuous tide of waltzing that underlies a good bit of the score, and some of the more overtly comic numbers, such as the officers' drinking song or the Irish scherzo in the last act, are in a straightforward tonal style. But the music also knows about Berg and about Britten, without being bowled over by them, and it uses their cynicism not to attack its own romantic heart but curiously to collude. If Maw were presented with a more complex libretto, he might have it in him to produce another *Rosenkavalier*.

This is not to discount Beverley Cross's achievement in his words for the present opera. The libretto has some good jokes, and its plotting is skilful: a new young officer is given a night in which to prove his manhood with three ladies of his own choice, and accomplishes the task by cuckolding the colonel, his adjutant (so it seems) and a visiting Prussian major. Moreover, the action provides for an almost emblematic meeting of the romantic and the cynical in the relationship between the resilient hero, Beaumont, and the Prussian major's wife. He, starry-eyed, is forced to treat sexual conquest as a stunt; she has no illusions, but cherishes a belief that there is more to love than lust.

These two are the most fully developed roles, in the words and in the music, and they are sung here with a just mixture of smiles and pathos, yet with unfailing lyricism, by Joseph Cornwell and Rachael Hallawell. The others are mostly character parts: Roisin McGibbon sings with winning freshness and a tasty brogue as Cathleen, Robert Poulton properly blusters as the colonel and Sarah Pring as his wife is rightly formidable yet reliable to a certain touch. The orchestral playing is magnificent under Stephen Barlow, and Patrick Libby is responsible for the production being so happy.

There are further performances tonight and, with a different cast, tomorrow.

Paul Griffiths

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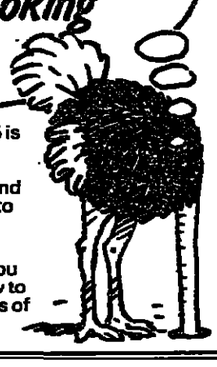
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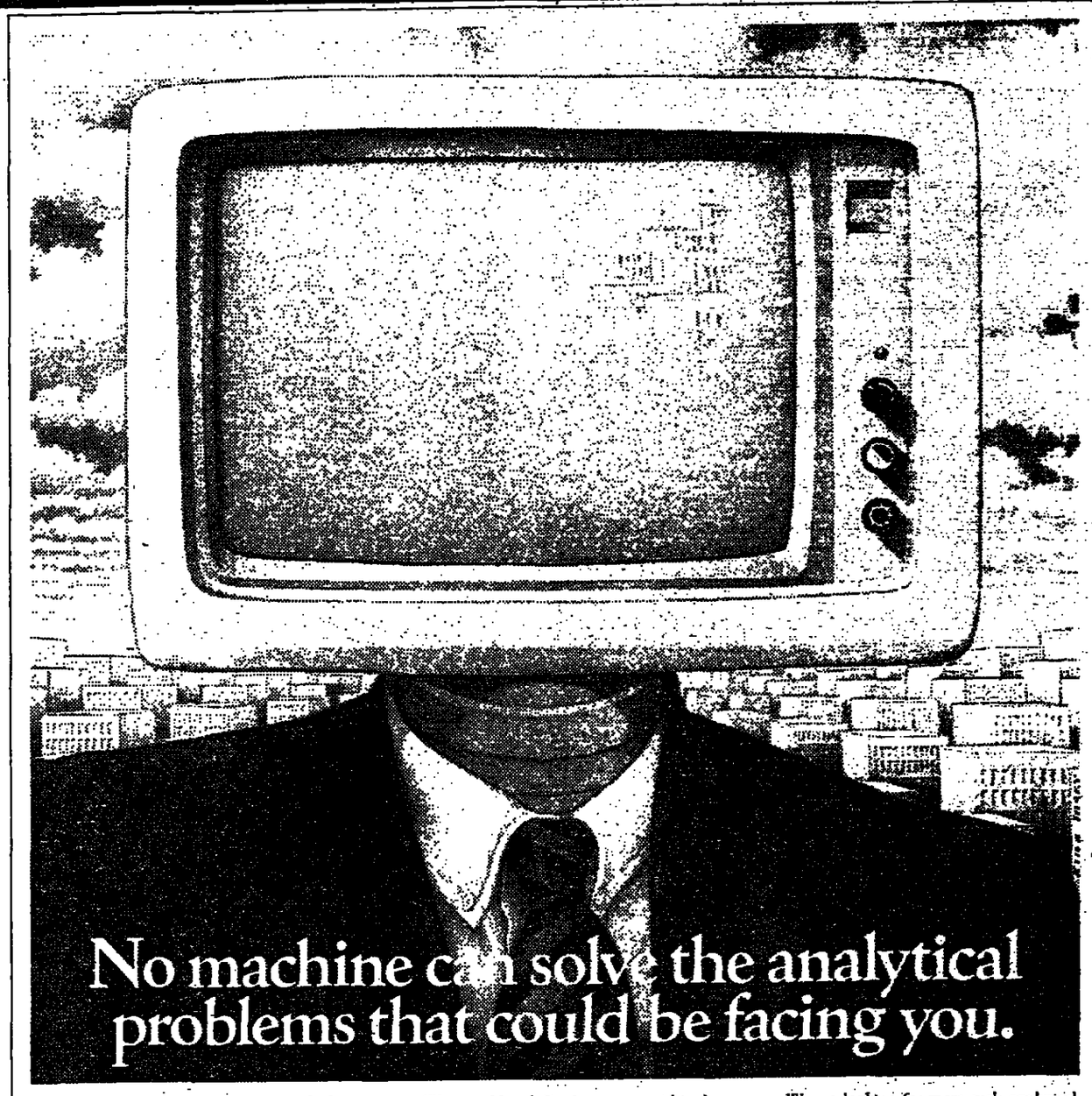
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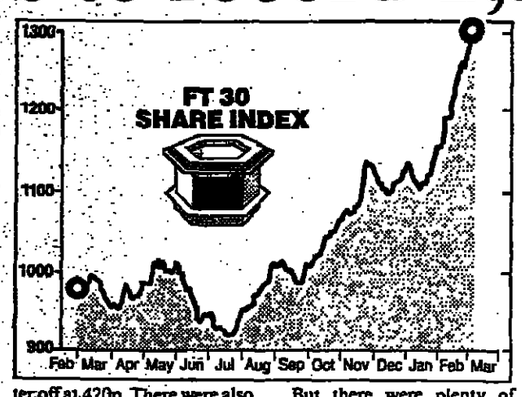
Mergers and weak oil lift shares to record 1,301.3

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

Share prices achieved new records on the stock market yesterday. The FT 30- share index surged past the 1300 mark, rising 21.4 points to an all-time high of 1302.7 though it finished below its best for the day at 1301.3. The wider share indexes, the FT 100 and the FT all share index, also hit new peaks.

Dealers cited the continuing wave of takeover activity in the City, coupled with the boost to company profits that the weak oil price is causing, as the underlying reason for the buoyancy. Hopes that interest rates around the world are headed down reinforced the optimistic mood.In the US, Southwest Bank of St Louis became the first US bank to cut its prime rate from 9.5 per cent to 9.25 per cent.

Strong demand for leading equities, especially those due to report figures soon, ensured widespread gains. Among leaders, British Telecom gained 6p to 214p, P&O rose 19p to 525p, Glaxo was 17p higher at 992p and Grand Metropolitan finished 7p better-off at 420p. There were also widespread gains among second-line shares.



Some stockrokers gave warning that a reaction could soon set in and cautioned investors against committing any new money to equities for the time being.

Mr John Mant of the stockbroking firm James Capel said he thought the market had become too speculative. Wood Mackenzie's Mr Adrian FitzGerald also said he was fundamentally cautious about prospects for share prices.

But there were plenty of analysts who believe the rise in share prices would continue. Mr Peter Jones of W Greenwell, said the market was only just beginning to appreciate the significant impact of the weak oil price on company profits.

"Lower oil prices mean more cash for industry which in turn means higher dividends and continueing takeover activity," he said.

"Logic says there is bound to be a reaction in share prices but business confidence is rising and we see no underlying reason why prices should fall," Mr Jones said.

Putting the contrary view, James Capel pointed out that new issues, privatizations and known cash calls will tap the market for £5 billion between now and next October.

"This could end the high institutional liquidity which is one underlying cause for the current buoyancy in equities," he said.

US markets continued their erratic largely optimistic trading pattern yesterday on the strength of a widely held belief that West Germany and Japan will soon lower their official lending rates and the US Federal Reserve Board will follow suit.

The dollar opened higher in New York as speculation increased that the Bundesbank would cut its discount rate, by one half point, as early as today . At the same time, the US bond markets were hit by a wave of profit taking following a week of hectic trading and tumbling yields which dropped to 8 per cent on Tuesday on long-term Treasury bonds.

Tin rescue plan delay

The International Tin Council continued in emergency session late yesterday, with Malaysia reported to be seeking an extension of the midnight deadline for acceptance of the rescue plan. The request was made to the creditor-bankers and brokers of the ITC.

The stumbling block for acceptance of the plan, which involves the creation of a new company to take over the ITC's tin stocks, continues to be the attitude of the three South East Asian producers, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand. The EEC signalled its acceptance of the plan, subject to minor modifications, yesterday morning.

CU recovers

Losses at Commercial Union Assurance fell from £72.8 million to £58.8 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was down from £2.66 billion to £2.31 billion and the dividend is unchanged at 11.8p.

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BSR plunge

BSR International's pretax result slumped from a profit of £26.8 million in 1984 to a loss of £5.9 million in 1985. Turnover fell from £402.7 million to £261.8 million. The dividend is unchanged at 2.4p per share.

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Profit soars

General Accident Fire & Life lifted profits from £3.9 million to £26.5 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was up from £1.88 billion to £1.90 billion and the final dividend is up from 12p to 14p.

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MCD in talks

MCD Group, formerly Trafford Carpets, is in talks which may lead to a merger by way of an offer for MCD. A further announcement is to be made.

Loan plea

Argentina is almost certain to seek a new International Monetary Fund loan programme to replace the $1.42 billion special drawing rights standby loan which expires on March 31.

£10m issue

Glass Glover Group, the food distributer, is raising £10 million by an issue of 10 million 6½ per cent stock, convertible into ordinary shares between 1990 and 2000 on a one-for-three basis.

Bid response

McKechnie Brothers' offer for the whole of the issued share capital of Newman Tonks has been accepted for 876,756 ordinary shares (2 per cent) at the first closing date. McKechnie holds or has received acceptances for 7,526,756 shares (16.9 per cent).

Dalgety chief

Sir Peter Carey is to become chairman of Dalgety, the international merchants, on July 1, when Mr David Donne retires. Sir Peter will serve as deputy chairman until then.

Offer success

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Mobil has new North Sea find

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A potentially commercial oil discovery has been made by Mobil 210 miles north-east of Aberdeen, close to its existing Beryl oilfield.

Initial tests from four wells drilled at the reservoir 13,000 feet beneath the seabed produced oil at rates of over 7,000 barrels a day. Further tests are planned to find if the field can been brought into production.

Onshore, BP has applied for planning permission for a £265 million expansion programme for the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset which will lift daily output from 5,500 barrels to 60,000 and increase natural gas production.

The expansion, if approved by Dorset County Council, will make Wytch Farm the largest onshore oilfield in Europe, and BP hopes that planning procedures can be completed in time to allow full production by 1989, 10 years after the field first came on stream.

A total of 16 planning applications have been submitted covering changes to the gathering station and access roads. Only one new well site, on Furzey Island in Poole Harbour, will be needed with most of the new wells being drilled at existing sites. BP says that although oil production will increase tenfold, land area required for the extension will be very small.

At present oil from the field, originally discovered and operated by British Gas in partnership with BP before the Government ordered it to sell its oil producing assets, comes from the Bridport reservoir 3,000 feet below the surface. The new wells will pass through that reservoir into the larger undeveloped Sherwood reservoir which has been discovered 5,000 feet below the surface.

A 10-mile pipeline taking oil from the field to a terminal at Southampton has already been proposed by BP and been recommended by Dorset County Council, but is still being considered by Hampshire County Council.

● New figures issued by the Department of Energy show that North Sea oil output is still averaging 2.65 million barrels a day — enough to put Britain in fourth place for oil production behind Russia, the United States and Saudi Arabia.

North Sea prices have now dropped to their lowest with levels for April delivery being quoted at $12.25 a barrel, compared with above $30 in December. Prices for main grades in the United States have also fallen to close to $12 a barrel.

Midland stages strong recovery

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent



Sir Donald Barron: steps to strengthen balance sheet

Midland yesterday became the third English clearing bank to report strong profits growth for last year as it began its recovery from heavy losses incurred by Crocker National, the Californian subsidiary it is now selling.

The bank also announced a sweeping reorganization of its operations into four divisions including a new investment banking group.

Midland reported an increase in pretax profits from £189 million to £351 million, which is at the upper end of stock market expectations. But while international business improved significantly, it ran into problems in the United Kingdom where provisions for bad debt shot up.

The bank was forced to increase specific provisions in the United Kingdom by £57 million because of two large failures among its corporate customers last year. This helped limit UK profit growth to £308 million from £281 million, an increase of 9.6 per cent.

Lloyds and National Westminster have reported 30 per cent increases in their domestic profits.

Midland's bad debts on its personal banking business increased. Officials said this was a worldwide phenomenon but added that there was a disturbing increase in defaults on credit card accounts.

The bank is reorganizing into four main banking divisions: retail, corporate, investment and international.

This involves creation of Midland Montagu Investment Banking to handle dealing broking, investment management and corporate finance activities.

It will be formed by merging Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, with W Greenwell, the stockbroker, and several Midland subsidiaries and departments.

The new division will also include the Group Treasury department, a move designed to strengthen its presence in the capital markets.

The loss on international banking of £146 million in 1984 was turned into a profit of £43 million last year as Crocker returned to profitability with net earnings of $38 million (£26 million) in 1985.

Midland is selling Crocker to Wells Fargo, the Californian retail bank, for about $1 billion,but is keeping Crocker's international loan book which more than doubles the English bank's exposure to Mexico.

Announcing the results, Sir Donald Barron, the chairman, said that the bank was taking steps to strengthen its balance sheet.

Capital resources stood at £4 billion, with total provisions for bad debt at £1 billion.

"This, together with benefits to be derived from the sale of Crocker, has placed the group in a position to compete vigorously in a rapidly changing environment," he said.

Midland's dividend remains unchanged at 25.5p

Yamani to seek oil price pact

The Saudi Arabian oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, is to meetrepresentatives of other Gulf oil producing countries this weekend to try to reach an agreement on how to end the oil price crisis.

The countries, members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, hope to draw up an agreement which they can put to the full emergency ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Geneva on March 16.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are full Opec members, but Oman and Bahrain are not.

It is likely that both Oman and Bahrain will attend the meeting between Opec and non-Opec members due to follow the ministerial meeting on March 18.

Other non-Opec oil producing countries likely to attend the Geneva meeting are Mexico, Malaysia and Egypt, but Britain and Norway have made it clear they will not attend and have no intention of interfering with the oil companies' production schedules in the North Sea.

The Gulf Co-operation Council has already said it would prefer Opec to agree new production levels within an overall quota of 16 million barrels a day to bring oil supply into line with world demand.

However, Libya, Iran and Algeria have suggested more drastic measures, including a total halt to oil production to force prices upwards.

US orders up

January factory orders in the US rose by 0.4 per cent after a revised 2.2 per cent December gain.

Textile jobs boost for Merseyside

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Up to 300 jobs are expected to be created this year with the arrival on Merseyside of Yangtzekiang Garment Manufacturing, one of Hong Kong's largest garment manufacturers.

YGM's decision to come to Britain follows an initiative by Mr Desmond Pitcher, group chief executive at the Littlewoods Organization, which is based at Liverpool and is one of Britain's largest private companies.

YGM is a big supplier to Littlewoods, which has chain store and mail order interests, and at first a substantial proportion of the Merseyside production is expected to be taken up by Littlewoods.

The new factory, for which site negotiations are in progress, will produce trousers, shirts and blouses. There will be allowance made for additional expansion and jobs if trade justifies this.

British production is expected to be competitive on price and quality with that in Hong Kong where labour costs are no longer at low levels

The YGM decision was welcomed by Merseyside County Council especially because of the high unemployment rate in the area.

Littlewoods itself expects to be creating about 2,500 jobs this year, partly by opening more chain stores and also through the launch of a new chain called Inside Story which will specialize in household, electrical and leisure goods. The main Littlewoods chain, now with 108 stores around Britain, will gain a Dumfries outlet in June while negotiations are at an advanced stage for two more, at Gateshead and Southend.

Littlewoods cut back on jobs early last year but has since been revamping many of its stores.

Service industries 'the key to jobs'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Service industries, not manufacturing, provide the best hope for jobs in the future, participants at a monthly National Economic Development Council meeting agreed yesterday.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that it was vital that attitudes to services should change. "Services do not mean servility," he said.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, agreed that it was unrealistic to look to manufacturing to provide large numbers of jobs.

Mr Willis said that it was important to guard against exploitation in services, and Sir Terence said that part-time jobs were not irrelevant even though the long-term unemployed would prefer full-time jobs.

Between 1974 and 1984 employment in manufacturing fell by 30 per cent, while employment in services rose by 11.8 per cent.

Britain's experience matches that of the other major economies. Over the same period German manufacturing employment dropped by 17.9 per cent, while services employment rose 10 per cent. In the United States, which has a better jobs performance, manufacturing employment fell by 7.9 per cent while services employment increased by 30 per cent.

A paper by Mr John Cassels, director-general of the National Economic Development Office, set out the argument that there is a mismatch between the jobs available and those sought by the unemployment. Three-quarters of the long-term unemployed are male, seeking full-time work, he said, but most jobs are part-time.

In addition, there are geographical mismatches between where the jobs are and where the unemployed live. The best opportunities are inservices, Mr Cassels said, but this should not be confined to the private sector. There is a case for more public sector services employment, he said.

Participants agreed that one way of boosting employment in services is to improve their quality. Rachel Waterhouse, of the Consumers' Association, said that it was a regular complaint among consumers that reliable plumbers, decorators and car mechanics were difficult to find. One way of improving services could be to remove restrictive trade practices in the services, she argued.

Tourism, an area of increasing emphasis in the Department of Employment, is an area which has been poorly exploited. Sir Terence Beckett of the CBI said.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Why the Bank would not waive the rules

It is hardly surprising that those charged with supervising the City are making every effort to mind their Ps and Qs. As big bang looms closer the large financial service companies are straining harder at the leash. At the same time the wave of mega-mergers is producing new practices which the regulators must also keep up with. Almost single-handedly, the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell has been responsible for a spate of new rules. The effect appears to be twofold. There is an increasing reliance on laying down rules and sticking to them. US style, instead of the old informal "Governor's eyebrows" approach. And there is a tendency to put the lid on innovations, to limit the amount of change in a rapidly changing City.

Yesterday's collapse of the merger talks between Morgan Grenfell and Exco neatly illustrates the Bank of England's approach to regulation at present. The talks were scuppered by the Bank's insistence on making no exception to the "O'Brien letter", an informal rule limiting the participation of banks in moneybrokers. The last time it was actively applied was in 1984 when Barclays agreed to sell off most of the holding in Charles Fulton which came with the purchase of Wedd Durlacher.

But as the new financial conglomerates grow in complexity the argument underlying the O'Brien provisions, that they prevent conflicts of interest, looks increasingly thin. Rather than making an exception to the rule or letting it quietly lapse, however, the Bank chose to stick to the letter. Offending Morgan Grenfell alone is not as bad as the danger of offending the whole banking community, and if the banks ever want the rule changed, all they need do is say so. In the meantime, the Bank's policy is that rules are rules.

This comes hard on the heels of the new rule laid down by the Bank last Friday as a result of Morgan Grenfell's activities in the merger game. Here again, instead of an informal warning the Bank issued a detailed set of instructions on strategic share stakes. It was partly prompted by the fears of other merchant banks that their corporate customers would demand a similar service in takeovers in the near future, but the Bank itself was clearly keen to nip the practice in the bud.

But Morgan Grenfell has already found a way round it by organizing a consortium of three banks to buy up to £111 million of Distillers' shares without transgressing the new limit of 25 per cent of capital. This is almost certain to prove the pattern of future takeover tactics by banks and the Bank of England appears to have failed to stop strategic share buying on a large scale.

Morgan Grenfell has also goaded the Stock Exchange into rulemaking. Companies which are the target of takeovers may no longer underwrite the costs incurred by their suitors without shareholder approval — an obvious reaction to the £80 million Distillers may have to shell out on Guinness's takeover costs.

Whether any of these rules are subsequently relaxed when the regulators feel less embattled, probably well after big bang, remains to be seen. But for the time being they are leaving nothing to chance.

A paper Budget?

Barring any last minute changes of mind by Nigel Lawson, the chancellor, the budget will contain measures that will at last allow the growth of a sterling commercial paper market. The Bank of England has been sounding out the opinions of corporate treasurers and bankers in the last few months and the result has been resoundingly positive. There are plenty of potential borrowers among the country's largest companies while there would appear to be no shortage of investors among the banks, pension funds and insurance companies.

It only requires a small adjustment to the rules governing securities to allow the introduction of commercial paper. At present anyone issuing paper with a maturity of less than one year is deemed to be subject to the Banking Act which carries with it the need to be licenced as a deposit-taker as well as supervision of the Bank of England. The chancellor demonstrated in last year's budget just how easy it is to change the rules when he exempted paper of between one and three years maturity from Banking Act criteria in an attempt to stimulate the sterling capital market. The effect of this was in fact minimal, so the exemption of even shorter term paper is the next step.

It will no doubt be some time before a British commercial paper market gets anywhere near the $270 billion outstanding on the US market, but there are obvious advantages to this method of funding as American corporations have discovered. It is cheaper than overdrafts and London Interbank Offered Rate based loans and in general more flexible than sterling acceptances. Commercial paper does not, for example, have to be related to specific trade transactions and can be issued for odd periods instead of traditional one three or six month maturities.

For investors the attractions include the diversification of exposure outside the banking sector where creditworthiness has declined as the interantional debt problem has escalated. Commercial paper is issued by companies under their own name. The banks merely act as intermediaries arranging the issue of paper, making a secondary market.

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Die Erste Oesterreichische Spar-Casse Bank
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WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – Shares rose sharply in early trading on Tuesday, with values boosted by a recovery in IBM shares, a General Motors shares buyback and a further plunge in interest rates.

But they retreated as enthusiasm for GM's buyback programme waned.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 12 points to 1,708 at one stage, dropped 12 points to 1684 after falling from 1,714 at the high. It closed at 1,686.30, down 10.37.

Advancing shares still led declining issues but the margin fell to 9-7 on volume of 165 million shares.

GM gained 2¼ to 79¾ and IBM 1½ to 152¾. GM had said it would buy back 40 million shares.

The American Stock Exchange prices closed lower

	Mar 4	Mar 3		Mar 4	Mar 3		Mar 4	Mar 3
AMR	50¾	52	Exxon Corp	51⅞	52½	Pfizer	54⅜	55
ASA	37¼	37½	Fed Dpt Sts	74	74¼	Phelps Dge	24⅜	24½
Allied Signal	49½	50	Firestone	25½	25¾	Philip Mrs	103⅝	104¼
Allied Strs	75½	75¼	Fst Chicago	31⅛	31¾	Phillips Pet	10¼	10⅝
Allis Chlmrs	3½	3½	Fst Int Bncp	58⅞	58½	Polaroid	68⅛	68⅝
Alcoa	42¼	43½	Fst Penn C	9¼	9¼	PPG Ind	n/a	59⅝
Amax Inc	12½	13¼	Ford	72	71½	Prctr Gmbl	67⅞	67½
Am rda Hs	22¾	23	FT Wachvia	38⅞	38¼	Pb S E & G	37	37
Am Brands	74¾	76	GAF Corp	67	67¾	Raytheon	58⅝	59¾
Am Brdcast	n/a	n/a	GTE Corp	50⅞	50⅝	RCA Corp	62⅛	62
Am Can	76	76½	Gen Corp	74⅞	74	Rynlds Met	44⅞	37¾
Am Cynm'd	64¾	65¼	Gen Dy'mcs	78¾	78½	Rockwell Int	38⅛	39
Am El Pwr	26¼	26¼	Gen Electric	75	76½	Royal Dutch	67½	66⅝
Am Express	66¼	65¼	Gen Inst	20½	20¾	Safeways	37⅛	37½
Am Home	70	70¼	Gen Mills	72⅞	69¾	Sara Lee	57⅝	59⅞
Am Hospital	n/a	n/a	Gen Motors	79¾	77½	SFE Sopac	36⅝	37½
Am Motors	4⅛	3⅞	Gn Pb Ut'ny	19½	19¾	SCM	74½	74¾
Am St'nrd	42⅝	42⅞	Genesco	3⅛	3½	Schl'berger	29⅞	29⅛
Am Teleph	22⅛	22⅝	Georgia Pac	30½	29¾	Scott Paper	60	59½
Amoco	58	57¼	Gillete	79	79¾	Seagram	51⅞	53¾
Armco Steel	11¼	11¼	Goodrich	43¾	43½	Sears Rbck	44⅞	44⅜
Asarco	19⅞	20¼	Goodyear	35¾	34½	Shell Trans	41⅞	40¼
Ashland Oil	43¼	43¼	Gould Inc	28¼	28¾	Singer	47½	47⅝
At Richfield	51¼	51⅞	Grace	50⅞	49½	Smithkln Bk	83⅞	83⅝
Avon Prods	31	31¼	Gt Atl & Tac	22⅞	23	Sony	19½	19⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	41	40⅞	Gr'hnd	34⅞	34¼	Sth Cal Ed	29	29⅝
Bankamer	15½	16¼	Gruman Cor	25	25	Sperry Corp	50⅞	50½
Bk of Bston	72¾	72¼	Gulf & West	57¾	58¾	Std Oil Ohio	45½	47
Bank of NY	59½	59¼	Heinz H.J.	34⅝	35¼	Sterling Drg	39⅝	40
Beatrce Fds	47⅞	46¼	Hercules	44⅞	45	Stevens JP	32½	32⅛
Beth Steel	20⅛	19⅞	H'lett-Pkrd	42⅝	43	Sun Comp	45⅞	48¼
Boeing	53	52⅞	Honeywell	75	75¾	Teledyne	351½	359
Bse Cascde	53	53	IC Inds	42¼	43¼	Tenneco	38¾	37
Brden	56½	58½	Ingersoll	63⅞	64	Texaco	28½	29
Bg Warner	29½	30¼	Inland Steel	26⅛	26¼	Texas E Cor	n/a	32¾
Brst Myers	69¾	69¼	IBM	149½	151½	Texas Inst	120½	125
BP	32	31½	Int Harvtr	n/a	n/a	Texas Utils	34⅛	33⅞
Burl'ton Ind	34	35⅛	INCO	14¼	14¾	Textron	59⅝	59½
Burl'ton Ntn	76½	75½	Int Paper	56⅝	57¾	Travlrs Cor	53⅞	52½
Burroughs	67	66¼	Int Tel Tel	43½	44¼	TRW Inc	n/a	98¾
Cmpbell Sp	52½	52¼	Irving Bank	50⅝	49¾	UAL Inc	56⅛	58
Can Pacific	12½	12½	Jhnsn & Jhn	49⅝	49⅞	Unilever NV	86½	138
Caterpiller	53	50⅞	Kaiser Alum	16¼	16½	Un Carbide	19½	n/a
Celanese	189	193	Kerr McGee	27	28¼	Un Pac Cor	50	49¾
Central SW	30½	30½	Kmb'ly Clrk	76¾	79¾	Utd Brands	24⅜	24¾
Champion	28	27⅞	K Mart	39⅞	40	US Steel	23⅞	23½
Chase Man	43¾	43¼	Kroger	45½	45¾	Utd Technol	52½	53½
Chm Bk NY	47¼	47¼	L.T.V. Corp	8¾	7⅛	Unocal	22	22½
Chevron	35⅞	36	Litton	80¼	82½	Jim Walter	50⅞	50⅝
Chrysler	56	55⅞	Lockheed	55½	55	Wrner Lmbt	50⅞	49½
Citicorp	54½	53⅞	Lucky Strs	25⅛	25¼	Wells Fargo	79½	79⅝
Clark Equip	22⅞	23	Man H'nver	48⅛	47⅞	W'stghse El	47¾	48¾
Coca Cola	94	94¾	Manville Cp	6⅛	6½	Weyerh'ser	35⅝	36¾
Colgate	35⅜	34⅞	Mapco	39	38¾	Whirlpool	65	64½
CBS	n/a	142	Marine Mid	48¾	47¼	Woolworth	68¾	68½
C'lmbia Gas	38⅝	38½	Mrt Marietta	37¾	37⅛	Xerox Corp	69⅞	69
Cmb'tn Eng	35	35⅛	Masco	51½	52¾	Zenith	23⅞	24⅜
Comwlth Ed	34½	34¼	McDonnell	78¾	78¼			
Cons Edis	41⅞	41½	Mead	48¾	48¾			
Cn Nat Gas	47	47½	Merck	148½	149¾			
Cons Power	12⅛	11½	Minsta Mng	97	97¾			
Cntrl Data	22⅝	23⅛	Mobil Oil	28	28⅝			
Corning Gl	68¾	69¼	Monsanto	57⅞	57½			
CPC Intl	n/a	56¼	Morgan J.P.	71⅞	71¾			
Crane	46¼	46⅜	Motorola	42½	42⅞			
Crn Zeller	44½	44¾	NCR Corp	42½	43½			
Dart & Kraft	46⅝	46¾	NL Indstrs	13¾	13¾			
Deere	31½	29⅞	Nat Distlrs	37¾	37⅞			
Delta Air	41½	41⅞	Nat Med Ent	22	21½			
Detroit Ed	18⅞	18⅝	Nat Smcndt	13¾	13¼			
Digital Eq	161½	164⅛	Norfolk Sth	87⅞	88			
Disney	143½	139¼	NW Bancrp	34⅛	33¾			
Dow Chem	46⅞	47½	Occidnt Pet	25¾	26⅛			
Dresser Ind	18	17⅞	Ogden	31	31			
Duke Power	38¾	39	Olin Corp	38⅞	38¼			
Du Pont	68¾	70¼	Owens-Ill	63¾	63¾			
Eastern Air	8⅛	9½	Pac Gas El	22¾	22½			
Estm Kodak	54½	55	Pan Am	8⅛	8¾			
Eaton Corp	75⅛	75½	Penney J.C.	65⅞	64½			
Emerson El	85½	86¼	Pennzoil	50⅝	53¾			
Evans Prod	n/a	n/a	Pepsico	78⅛	77¼			

CANADIAN PRICES

	Mar 4	Mar 3
Abitibi	n/a	25
Alcn Alum	n/a	45⅛
Algoma Stl	n/a	17⅛
Bell Tele	n/a	n/a
Can Pacific	n/a	17⅛
Cominco	n/a	11¾
Con Bathrst	n/a	25
Gulf Oil	n/a	n/a
Hkr/Sid Can	n/a	24¾
Hdsn B Min	n/a	25⅛
Imasco	n/a	26⅝
Imperial Oil	n/a	45
In Pipe	n/a	38¾
Mass-Ferg	n/a	295
Ryl Trustco	n/a	29½
Seagram	n/a	75¾
Steel Co	n/a	25⅞
Thmsn N 'A'	n/a	28
Wlkr Hiram	n/a	28
WCT	n/a	13⅛

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 4	Market rates close March 4	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4440-1.4675	1.4610-1.4620	0.61-0.58prem	1.60-1.56prem
Montreal	2.0692-2.0848	2.0790-2.0848	n/a	n/a
Ams'dam	3.6009-3.6448	3.6401-3.6448	2½-2prem	6-5¾prem
Brussels	65.25-66.07	65.93-66.07	13-7prem	46-34prem
C'phgen	11.7840-11.9133	11.8911-11.9102	5¼-4½prem	13⅞-12½prem
Dublin	1.0571-1.0707	1.0644-1.0654	45-103dis	149-244dis
Frankfurt	3.1836-3.2298	3.2215-3.2259	2¾-2¼prem	6¾-6¼prem
Lisbon	212.06-215.45	212.87-214.48	n/a	n/a
Madrid	201.29-203.57	203.23-203.51	35prem-5dis	20-135dis
MilanM	2168.19-2197.39	2192.96-2297.39	12-18dis	30-38dis
Oslo	10.0832-10.2018	10.1876-10.2018	par-¾dis	2-3dis
Paris	9.8082-9.9279	9.9129-9.9270	2¾-3¾	6½-8¼dis
St'khlm	10.3289-10.4496	10.4288-10.4460	n/a	n/a
Tokyo	258.71-262.58	261.67-262.06	1½-1¾prem	4¾-4prem
Vienna	22.39-22.66	22.62-22.66	13-11½prem	33¾-27¾prem
Zurich	2.7043-2.7486	2.7445-2.7486	2¼-2prem	6¾-5¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.3 (day's range 72.5-73.3).

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

Sterling recovered yesterday, rising by 2.70 pfennigs against the mark to 3.2238. This was partly induced by fresh selling against the dollar, but it was mainly on hopes of West Germany reducing its discount rate tomorrow.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3710-1.3740
Singapore	2.1510-2.1520
Malaysia	2.4990-2.5010
Australia	0.7003-0.7013
Canada	1.4225-1.4235
Sweden	7.1350-7.1400
Norway	6.9700-6.9750
Denmark	8.1400-8.1450
West Germany	2.2035-2.2045
Switzerland	1.8710-1.8720
Netherlands	2.4870-2.4885
France	6.7725-6.7775
Japan	179.10-179.20
Italy	1498.0-1500.0
Belgium(Comm)	45.00-45.07
Hong Kong	7.8070-7.8080
Portugal	146.50-147.00
Spain	139.05-139.15
Austria	15.48-15.50

*Lloyds Bank International

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1704-1.1731
Australia dollar	2.0561-2.0906
Bahrain dinar	0.5425-0.5465
Brazil cruzeiro*	20.14-20.27
Cyprus pound	0.7280-0.7380
Finland marka	7.3130-7.3530
Greece drachma	199.10-201.10
Hong Kong dollar	11.422-11.434
India rupee	17.65-17.85
Iraq dinar	N/A
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4080-0.4120
Malaysia dollar	3.6585-3.6640
Mexico peso	650-700
New Zealand dollar	2.8026-2.8154
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2560-5.2960
Singapore dollar	3.1490-5.1527
South Africa rand	2.8922-2.9058
U A E dirham	5.2870-5.3270

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½
Finance House 13

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12¾ Low 12½
Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	12³⁄₁₆	2 mnth	12¹⁄₁₆
3 mnth	11¹⁵⁄₁₆	3 mnth	11¹³⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12¹¹⁄₃₂-12⁹⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 12³⁄₁₆-12¹⁄₁₆
3 mnth 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 11¾-11⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12²³⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 12¹³⁄₁₆
3 mnth 12⁹⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 11⅞

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12⅞ close 8
1 week 12¹³⁄₁₆-12¹¹⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹³⁄₁₆
1 mnth 12⅝-12½ 9 mnth 11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆
3 mnth 12⁵⁄₁₆-12¼ 12 mth 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⁹⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 12½ 7 days 12½
1 mnth 12½ 3 mnth 12⅜
6 mnth 12 12 mth 11¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 13¾-13 2 mnth 13¾-12⅝
3 mnth 13-12¾ 6 mnth 12¾-12½
9 mnth 12½-12¾ 12 mth 12¾-12½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 12⅝-12¾ 3 mnth 12⅜-12⅜
6 mnth 11¹³⁄₁₆-11¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆-11⁵⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.65-7.60 3 mnth 7.60-7.55
6 mnth 7.60-7.55 12 mth 7.65-7.60

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
call 8⅛-7⅝
7 days 7⅝-7¹³⁄₁₆ 1 month 7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months 7⅝-7½ 6 months 7⅝-7½

Deutschmark
call 5.0-4.0
7 days 4⅝-4⅜ 1 month 4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆
3 months 4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆ 6 months 4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆

French Franc
call 9⅞-8⅞
7 days 12½-11⅞ 1 month 16-15¾
3 months 15-14¾ 6 months 13-12⅜

Swiss Franc
call 2½-1½
7 days 2½-2⅜ 1 month 3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆
3 months 3¾-3⅝ 6 months 3¾-3⅝

Yen
call 6-5
7 days 6⅛-6 1 month 6⅛-6⅛
3 months 5⅞-5¾ 6 months 5⅞-5⅝

GOLD

Gold $337.00-337.50
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 338.00-339.50 (£231.50-232.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 81.25-82.25 (£55.75-56.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 5 1986 to March 4 1986 inclusive: 12.653 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 86	87.79	87.88	87.76	87.84	528
Jun 86	88.65	88.88	88.63	88.80	2916
Sep 86	89.13	89.40	89.13	89.32	363
Dec 86	89.58	89.72	89.58	89.66	194
Previous day's total open interest 12065					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 19891			
Mar 86	92.30	92.41	92.30	92.41	803
Jun 86	92.54	92.63	92.54	92.63	3905
Sep 86	92.54	92.63	92.54	92.63	575
Dec 86	92.39	92.49	92.39	92.48	265
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4125			
Mar 86	96-28	97-20	96-15	97-10	613
Jun 86	96-00	96-31	96-00	96-26	6472
Sep 86	95-20	96-05	95-20	96-05	56
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 955			
Mar 86	98-22	98-22	98-14	98-14	159
Jun 86	98-45	98-55	98-35	98-35	432
Sep 86	N/T				0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 8102			
Mar 86	115-28	117-00	115-28	116-12	452
Jun 86	116-22	118-04	116-21	117-10	9257
Sep 86	N/T			117-30	0
Dec 86	N/T			117-30	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 1525			
Mar 86	152.30	154.90	152.30	154.90	509
Jun 86	154.80	156.80	154.80	156.80	24

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo:
Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne:
Gas-oil and sugar in US$ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
unq'ted

SUGAR (Raw)
No.6 new contract

May	154.4-54.2
Aug	160.6-60.0
Oct	163.6-63.2
Dec	167.8-66.4
March	175.2-74.0
May	179.0-78.0
Vol	1738

SUGAR (White)
unquoted

COCOA

March	1530-23
May	1519-16
July	1549-45
Sep	1574-73
Dec	1602-01
March	1631-30
May	1652-50
Vol	10492

COFFEE

March	2525-20
May	2620-15
July	2700-2690
Sep	2765-60
Nov	2790-80
Jan	2820-00
March	2900-2830
Vol	8553

SOYABEAN

April	136.0-35.8
June	131.5-31.3
Aug	129.5-29.3
Oct	131.2-30.8
Dec	134.0-33.2
Feb	136.0-34.0
April	136.5-34.0
Vol	436

GAS OIL

March	168.00-67.25
April	138.25-37.75
May	128.25-28.00
June	128.25-00
July	128.00-25.00
Aug	128.50-27.50
Sep	131.50-30.50
Oct	135.00-27.00
Nov	140.00-27.00
Vol	5648

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 969.50-970.50
Three months 990.50-991.00
Vol 12750
Tone steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 958.00-960.00
Three Months 988.00-990.00
Vol nil
Tone idle

TIN
suspended

LEAD
Cash 252.00-253.00
Three Months 262.00-262.50
Vol 1750
Tone quiet

Zinc Standard
Cash 410.00-415.00
Three Months —
Vol —
Tone —

Zinc High Grade
Cash 427.50-428.50
Three Months 440.00-441.00
Vol 1800
Tone steady

Silver Large
Cash 380.0-381.0
Three Months 391.0-392.0
Vol 38
Tone quiet

Silver Small
Cash 380.0-381.0
Three Months 391.0-392.0
Vol nil
Tone idle

Aluminium
Cash 786.00-787.00
Three Months 812.50-813.00
Vol 2950
Tone steadier

Nickel
Cash 2815-2825
Three Months 2880-2885
Vol 936
Tone steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 4
GB: Cattle, 96.75p per kg lw (+0.29)
GB: Sheep 213.50p per kg est d c w (+12.49)
GB: Pigs, 77.90p per kg lw (+2.83)
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 10.8 %, ave. price, 96.07p(+0.46)
Sheep nos. up 3.9 %, ave. price, 212.68p(+12.82)
Pig nos. down 13.6 %, ave. price, 77.88p(+2.99)
Scotland:
Sheep nos. down 7.3 %, ave. price, 216.99p(+11.56)
Pig nos. up 4.6 %, ave. price, 78.06p(+1.40)

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
March	115.65	114.00
May	116.50	117.00
July	119.80	—
Sept	99.60	97.95
Nov	102.60	101.55
Jan	106.10	105.15

Volume:
Wheat 244
Barley 98

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Pig meat
p per kilo

Month	Open	Close
April	103.8	103.8
May	103.0	102.5
June	102.5	102.5
July	101.8	102.5
Aug	101.8	101.2
Sept		107.5

Vol: 35

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
April	92.50	96.60
May	101.00	104.30
Nov	78.30	78.20
Feb	86.50	86.30
April	99.30	98.80

Vol: 815

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G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
April 86	836.0-831.0	834.0
July 86	742.0-741.0	742.0
Oct 86	852.0-852.0	848.5
Jan 87	865.0-862.0	865
April 87	—	940.0
July 87	—	722.5
Oct 87		899.0

The prices on this page refer to Tuesday's trading.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	87	Ailsa	103	● ..	3.1r	3.0	39.9
703	680	Alliance	703	..	28.1n	3.7	33.5
155	118	Amer Trust	138	-1	4.3	3.1	34.8
322	245	Ang Amer Sec	322	+1	8.9	2.8	49.3
163	123	Ashdown	163	● ..	4.4	2.7	51.6
120	88	Atlantic Assets	110	+1	0.8	0.7	..
111	83	Bankers	110	..	2.9r	3.5	41.4
194	152	Berry	181	..	1.5	0.8	..
58½	47½	Br Assets	58½	+½	2.7	4.6	32.7
33¾	25	Br Empire Sec	31¼	+¼	0.7	2.2	42.6
398	312	British Inv	398	+3	20.9r	5.3	24.4
87	84	Brunner	87	● ..	3.1	3.6	40.5
90	72	Charter Agency	90	●+1	3.3r	3.7	38.8
735	525	Continental	735	+5	30.0r	4.1	35.1
178	119	Crescent Japan	166	●-1	0.5	0.3	..
116	97	Derby Inc	115	● ..	12.0	10.4	13.7
127	85	Do Cap	117	+2	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	322	+2	14.3	4.4	31.7
153	112	Drayton Far East	152	●+1	1.6	1.1	..
528	348	Drayton Japan	528	●+6	1.4	0.3	..
528	383	Drayton Premier	514	..	18.2	3.5	40.1
199	160	Dundee Lon	191	..	7.7	4.0	34.0
118	89	Edn Amer Asset	109	..	0.9	0.8	78.4
138	103	Edinburgh	137	..	4.8r	3.4	45.1
322	254	Electric Gen	322	+4	5.6r	1.7	73.2
146	114	English Int	146	..	5.0	3.4	43.2
83	65	English Scot	82	..	2.0	2.4	49.1
122	91	English NY	121	●+1	3.6	3.0	47.6
131	85	Ensign	130	..	2.0	1.5	72.2
97	76	F & C Alliance	96	..	2.5	2.6	54.2
187	122	F & C Pacific	187	..	1.1		37.4
253	188	Family	253	..	11.3r	4.3	36.6
296	242	First Scot Amer	296	+1	14.3	4.8	28.4
185	80	First Un Gen	120	..	8.7	7.3	10.1
590	415	Fleming American	526	●+2	8.2	1.6	81.1
318	235	Fleming Claver	318	●+2	14.5	4.6	30.6
302	233	Fleming Enterprise	302	● ..	12.9	4.3	38.9
109	76	Fleming Far East	98½	-½	1.5	1.5	97.5
118	100	Fleming Fledgling	118	● ..	3.6	3.1	45.4
574	405	Fleming Japan	574	+4	5.7	1.0	..
135½	105	Fleming Mercantile	135½	+1½	4.3	3.2	44.0
134	100	Fleming Overseas	129	● ..	3.9	3.0	42.7
163	120	Fleming Tech	152	..	3.3	2.2	64.7
358	268	Fleming Universal	356	..	7.1r	2.0	43.5
79½	59	For Col	79½	..	2.1	2.6	52.6
121	91	GBC Capital	101	..	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	147	●+1	2.0r	1.4	..
146	97	General Funds	143	● ..	2.9	2.0	68.4
295	230	General Cons	295	● ..	15.9r	5.4	25.9
126	103½	Glasgow Stock	126	● ..	3.3	2.6	51.4
331	251	Globe	331	+5	14.5	4.4	31.8
146	110	Govett Atlantic	136	+2	4.0	2.9	42.4
163	127	Govett Oriental	162	..	3.3	2.0	61.1
209	152	Govett Strategy	209	..	5.1	2.4	59.4
276	202	Greenfriar	276	● ..	2.4	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	245	..	8.3	2.6	30.2
183	138	Hambros	182	..	6.1	3.4	42.4
282	226	Hill (P)	281	+1	13.8	4.9	28.8
573	448	Invest-in Success	571	..	8.2	1.4	85.1
254	208	Inv Cap	249	● ..	6.8	2.7	83.2
62	41	Japan Assets	54½	..	0.1	0.2	..
202	162	Law Debenture	201	+1	8.6r	4.3	29.6
86	56	Lon Merchant Sec	58	-2	3.2	5.7	14.4
69	66	Lon Trust	66	..	6.1n	9.2	22.4
110	86	Merchants	110	..	5.4r	4.9	36.9
181	133	Monks	180	+1	3.4r	1.9	80.4
138	108	Murray Income	137	-1	7.7n	5.6	25.4
154	112	Murray Intl	154	..	7.1r	4.6	32.8
253	163	Murray Small	253	..	3.9n	1.5	..
338	268	Murray Venture	338	..	7.9	2.3	55.4
408	354	New Court	400	..	20.4	5.1	27.7
77	55	New Darien Oil	55	-1	0.5	0.9	..
178	153	926	178	..	6.7	3.8	32.1
54	37	Nwthrog Inc 83	50½	..	4.2r	8.3	18.0
243	157	New Tokyo	227	●+1	1.1	0.5	..
324	246	Nth Atlantic Sec	314	-1	4.9	1.6	87.5
123	70	Nth Sea Assets	70	..	0.7	1.0	81.4
310	227	Nthn Amer	310	..	7.7	2.5	56.7
160	126	Outwich	160	+1	4.4	2.8	46.4
101	62	Pacific Assets	72	..	1.0	1.4	80.7
43	30	Do Wrnts	38	..	..	..	..
45	32	Personal Assets	38	..	0.3	0.8	..
377	292	Raeburn	375	-2	15.0	4.0	38.0
156	125	River & Merc	156	● ..	8.6	5.5	28.7
244	198	River Plate	242	..	12.1	5.0	28.0
234	188	Robeco	234	..	..	..	..
200	150	Rolinco	198	-2	..	..	..
295	226	Romney	292	●-3	7.1	2.4	44.7
13⅞	10	Rorento	£13⅞	..	..	..	..
125	98	St Andrews	125	● ..	4.1	3.3	42.4
327	235	Scottish	326	-1	8.5	2.8	56.2
286	211	Scot American	284	●-2	9.7r	3.4	39.9
99	73	Scot Eastern	98½	..	2.9	2.9	49.5
448	345	Scot Mtge	445	-2	10.7r	2.4	55.0
274	204	Scot Nat	272	-1	6.9	2.5	50.9
420	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	416	+3	25.0	6.0	21.0
608	500	Second Alliance	606	● ..	24.6n	4.1	31.1
147	108	Sec Of Scotland	147	..	6.9r	4.7	34.9
78	61	Smaller Cos	75	-1	1.7r	2.3	43.4
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	38½	..	0.6	1.6	
100	76	TR Australia	85	..	3.1	3.6	39.9
108	78	TR City Of Lon Dfd	108	●+1	5.8r	5.2	30.3
177	137	TR Ind & Gen	177	+2	5.4r	3.1	46.9
255	197½	TR Natural Res	217	..	10.7	4.9	27.6
111	79	TR North America	95	-2	2.6r	2.7	48.2
148½	111	TR Pacific Basin	140	..	1.4r	1.0	
160	129	TR Property	156	..	5.3	3.4	39.3
107	79	TR Tech	105	+1	2.5	2.4	57.4
156	124	TR Trustees	155	..	6.3r	4.1	36.2
148	111	Temple Bar	148	●+2	7.6	5.1	26.5
270	211	Throgmorton	270	●+2	11.9	4.4	32.3
332	248	Throg Secured Cap	378	..	..	..	..
175	137	Trans Oceanic	175	..	5.5	3.1	43.3
126	103	Tribune	126	● ..	3.9	3.1	36.1
84½	72½	Triplevest Inc	84½	+1	14.7	17.4	9.0
242	188	US Debenture	241	..	9.3r	3.9	58.3
82	52	Wang Resources	55	+7	2.2r	3.9	44.9
88	61	Westpool	62	●-1	2.2	3.5	44.6
119	84	Winterbottom Energy	88	● ..	3.3	3.8	37.4
186	139	Witan	186	+1	4.2	2.3	68.1
303	259	Yeoman	303	● ..	13.7r	4.5	31.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
680	260	Akroyd & Smithers	680	+25	25.0	3.7	16.5
57½	28¼	American Express	£45½	-⅛			
46	19	Argyle	41	● ..	1.4	3.4	21.9
95	32	Boustead	32	..			86.5
155	88	Britannia Arrow	143	..	6.0	4.2	16.2
17¼	860	Daily Mail	£17¼	..	69.3	3.9	12.4
17¼	850	Do 'A'	£17¼	..	69.3	4.0	12.3
142	113	Electra	135	+2	5.4	3.9	35.4
102	73	Eng Trust	102	● ..	4.0	3.9	14.1
248	176	Exco	234	-3	4.5	1.9	18.7
85	60	Exploration	83	..	3.0	3.6	14.7
475	350	Framlington	475	+10	7.1	1.5	22.1
96	58	Frost Gp	88	..	5.7	6.5	12.2
105	44	Goode (D & M)	93	●-3	2.5	2.7	25.9
11⅛	578	Henderson Admin	£11⅛	..	25.7r	2.2	17.0
198	163	ICH	185	..	12.9	7.0	7.6
405	300	MAI	365	..	22.9	6.3	9.6
875	388	M & G	750	● ..	21.4	2.8	23.1
389	217	Mercantile House	337	●-2	18.9	5.6	9.0
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	84	-1	0.5	0.6	77.1
41	18	Do Warrants	23	+2			
211	93	Smith Brothers	190	-4	9.3	4.9	22.2

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	113.8	120.4●	+1.6	9.97
High Inc Equity	86.2	91.7	-0.1	5.40
Worldwide Bond	177.0	189.7●	-0.2	5.11
American Growth	149.3	158.8	-3.7	0.78
Asian Pacific	42.3	45.4	..	2.75
Assets & Earns	92.0	98.3	+0.5	1.61
Capital Reserve	69.6	59.9●	-0.1	1.68
Comm & Energy	63.9	68.3●	-0.1	1.60
European Capital	76.9	81.6	-0.3	1.84
General	130.0	139.0	+0.8	3.06
Japan	61.7	66.0	-0.2	
UK Growth Inc	83.8	90.1	-0.1	1.71
Do Accum	119.5	128.9	-0.2	1.19
US Emerging Co's	53.3	56.5	-0.3	0.42
Equitas Progress	186.7	198.8	+0.5	3.58
Mastertst Acc	56.1	59.6	-0.3	1.68
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	208.7	222.3●	+0.5	3.45
Growth & Income	126.7	134.9	+0.5	3.45
Capital Trust	222.1	236.5	+0.4	2.78
Balanced	338.0	360.0	+1.4	3.28
Accum Trust	514.8	548.2	+2.5	3.10
American Income	29.8	31.7●	-0.2	4.23
High Income Tst	227.4	242.2●	+0.3	5.08
Equity Income	133.8	131.8	-0.2	4.98
High Yield	133.2	141.8	+0.1	5.80
Govt Secs Trust	29.1	30.4	+0.4	9.80
International	70.9	75.5●	-0.2	1.32
Japan Fund	76.5	81.5	-0.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	131.8	140.4		1.27
Amer Spcl Sits	64.5	68.7c	-0.3	1.19
Secs Of Amer Tst	199.4	212.4	-1.7	0.65
Ald Asset Value	205.2	218.5	+0.2	3.48
Gilt Growth	35.7	37.2	+1.1	3.04
Smaller Co's	109.0	116.1	+2.4	3.83
2nd Smaller Co's	142.1	151.3●	-0.8	2.65
Recovery Trust	73.4	78.2	..	2.39
Met Min & Cmdty	81.9	87.2	-0.9	2.27
O'seas Earnings	176.5	188.0	+0.4	3.15
Technology Tst	90.1	96.0	-0.7	0.94
Income Exempt	115.4	122.3	+0.1	5.81
Exempt Smaller Co's	204.7	217.0	-0.4	2.88
USA Exempt Trust	321.3	340.6c	-2.5	1.41
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	54.0	57.7	-0.3	1.83
Do Accum	60.4	64.5	-0.5	1.83
Eastern & Intl	104.7	111.9●	+2.2	1.28
Do 6% Withdrawal	56.1	59.9●	+1.2	1.28
Finance & Property	55.3	59.1	-0.3	2.45
Gilt & Fixed Income	47.4	49.8●	+0.7	8.74
Do Accum	77.9	81.9●	+1.1	8.74
High Income Income	66.8	71.4●	-0.2	5.51
Do Accum	154.7	165.4●	+0.4	5.51
High Yield Income	66.0	70.5●	-0.2	8.68
Do Accum	171.4	183.3●	+0.8	8.68
Intl Accum	66.9	71.6	+0.4	2.61
Do 5% Withdrwl	63.6	68.0	+0.5	2.61
Managed Fund	57.0	60.1		
Preference Income	26.9	28.7	+0.3	11.26
Do Accum	83.8	89.6	+0.8	11.26
Smaller Co's Accum	129.8	138.9	+0.2	1.41
World Penny Share	9.3	9.9	+0.1	1.21
Portfolio Tst UK	73.4	78.0	+0.9	1.66
Portfolio Tst Japan	71.0	73.5	-0.7	0.10
Portfolio Tst US	71.8	74.4	+0.2	1.07
Portfolio Tst Europe	92.7	98.0	+2.2	0.10
Portfolio Tst HK	38.9	41.3	+0.4	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3 Glenfinlas St Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	378.8	394.7	..	1.28
Japan Ex (43)	275.9	287.9●	..	0.30
UK Ex (31)	188.7	200.8	..	1.24
P'sal Pens Intl	368.8	388.2		
P'sal Pens UK	161.2	169.6		
BG America	157.5	167.6	+1.2	0.57
BG Energy	115.3	123.8	-0.5	1.64
BG Income Growth	172.9	184.0●	-0.4	5.31
BG Japan	130.5	138.9	-0.9	0.00
BG Technology	161.3	171.7	-2.0	1.96
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	49.0	52.5	-0.2	0.83
Australian	18.5	19.8	+0.1	2.90
Japan & General	77.8	83.3	-0.5	0.20
High Income	42.5	45.5●	-0.1	7.88
International Trust	71.0	76.0	-0.1	1.14
Income Gth Tst	43.7	45.8	..	4.46
Gilts & Fixed Int	65.7	70.2●	-0.9	9.91
Global Markets	34.0	36.4	+0.1	2.06
Special Situations	41.3	44.2	+0.1	1.52
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	84.5	89.8	-1.4	2.32
Aust Accum	129.3	137.5	-0.1	1.91
Do Income	92.4	98.2	+0.2	1.91
Capital	64.6	68.7●	+0.1	3.20
Exempt Trust	396.4	421.7	-1.2	4.02
Extra Income	67.5	71.8	..	5.68
Financial	215.5	229.2	+1.2	3.24
500	239.4	254.6●	..	3.35
General	130.6	138.9	-0.1	3.15
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.9	54.3●	+0.4	9.98
Japan & Gen Inc	123.8	131.7c	+0.4	0.47
Do Acc	125.1	133.0c	+0.5	0.47
Growth Accum	167.1	177.7c	..	2.63
Income Trust	305.8	325.3●	-0.1	3.78
Leisure Trust	74.8	79.5●	-0.4	1.64
Special Situations	129.0	137.2	-0.3	2.59
Recovery	171.7	182.6	-0.5	2.75
Trustee Fund	100.3	107.3	+0.4	3.12
Univ Tech Accum	50.5	53.7	-0.4	0.80
Do Income	50.2	53.3	-0.5	0.80
Worldwide Trust	136.6	145.3	-0.9	1.17
'B Tst Inv Fund Acc	297.1	316.0	+0.5	3.51
Do Inc	184.8	207.2	-4.7	3.51
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	49.3	52.7	-0.5	0.80
Eastern	42.8	45.7●	+0.1	0.80
Europe	96.5	102.6s	-0.8	0.90
Growth & Inc	59.0	63.4●	+0.1	2.30
Do Accum	89.1	95.8●	+0.2	2.30
First Japan	63.2	67.5	-0.5	0.00
Japan Special	77.5	82.6●	..	0.30
Japan Sunrise	73.5	78.6	-0.2	0.30
First Smaller Co's	59.7	64.1s	-0.3	2.70
First Europe	86.9	92.4	-0.1	0.80
First N Amer	49.0	52.3	-0.7	1.80
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 59 Gresham St, London EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433				
Planned Inv	108.8	115.8	+0.4	2.11
European Inc	79.1	83.0	+0.8	1.33
Do Accum	96.9	101.6	+1.2	1.33
General Inc	140.3	149.3	-0.5	3.75
Do Accum	189.9	202.1	-0.5	3.75
Gilt Yield Inc	112.6	118.1c	+1.7	9.57
Do Accum	173.2	178.6	+2.8	9.57
High Yield Inc	77.2	82.2	..	6.13
Do Accum	150.4	160.1	-0.1	6.11
Japan Income	185.8	197.3	-1.7	0.25
Do Accum	186.5	188.0	-1.7	0.25
N American Inc	46.2	49.2	-0.4	0.96
Do Accum	53.4	56.8	-0.5	0.96
Pacific Income	106.6	112.3	-0.7	0.54
Do Accum	119.3	126.1	-0.7	0.54
Smllr Co's Inc	67.7	72.1	+0.5	2.14
Do Accum	79.6	84.7	-0.6	2.14
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST 74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9 MoneyGuide 0800-010-333				
Growth Gilt	56.5	57.4	..	0.65
Intl Recovery	98.6	105.2	-0.3	2.13
Smaller Co's	128.4	137.0●	-0.8	1.54
UK Growth	36.3	38.7	+0.1	2.04
Extra Inc	56.5	60.3●		7.53
Gilt	25.8	27.2	+0.2	7.67
Inc & Growth	189.5	202.1	+0.1	4.35
Nat High Inc	187.9	200.4	-0.2	4.78
Pref Shares	18.7	19.9●	+0.1	9.89
Commodity	127.3	135.8	-1.3	2.83
Financial Secs	41.1	43.8	-0.2	2.35
Gold & Gen	19.8	21.3	-0.4	2.67
Int Leisure	15.8	16.9	-0.1	0.89
Prop Shares	54.4	58.0●	-0.1	1.47
Univ Energy	40.1	42.8●	-0.4	0.91
World Tech	43.7	46.6	-0.2	0.67
Amer Growth	96.7	103.1●	-1.2	3.23
Amer Income	58.1	62.0	-0.3	5.79
Amer Smaller Co's	24.3	25.9	-0.2	1.84
Aust Growth	84.2	88.5	+0.6	0.52
Euro Smaller	13.3	14.2	-0.1	0.41
Far East	37.2	39.7	-0.2	1.21
Hong Kong Prf	23.1	24.6	+0.1	3.79
Intl Growth	32.4	34.6	-0.1	2.04
Japan Perf	48.5	51.7●	-0.1	..
Japan Smaller	14.0	14.9	-0.1	
Exempt	75.1	78.6	-0.1	3.83
Exempt Market	64.7	67.7	..	4.14
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	55.4	59.3●	+0.3	4.26
Do Accum	92.9	99.4●	+0.5	..
Financial	111.9	120.3●	+0.2	2.12
Growth Accum	177.0	189.4	+1.0	..
Do Income	114.2	122.1	+0.7	2.01
High Income	58.5	62.9●	-0.8	7.04
Income	69.9	75.1	-0.9	5.84
North American	58.7	63.1	+1.0	1.20
Orient	63.1	67.8	+1.8	0.20
Recovery	34.0	35.6	..	3.31
Technology	135.1	145.2	+2.6	0.60
German	28.8	32.8	+0.2	2.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	192.6	202.7	..	3.36
Do Accum (4)	303.3	319.3	..	3.36
Income Fund (3)	93.1	98.1	..	4.61
Do Accum (3)	160.0	168.4	..	4.61
Intl Inc (2)	113.4	118.4●	+2.2	2.08
Do Accum (2)	149.9	156.5●	+2.9	2.08
Smaller Inc (5)	987.9	1032.1	..	3.14
Do Accum (5)	£10.22	10.69	..	3.14
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	64.8	68.9	+0.5	0.31
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	263.6	280.4	-0.7	3.14
Income	301.0	320.2	-0.6	4.65
Far East	150.3	159.3	+3.1	0.65
North American	138.8	147.7	+0.1	0.81
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 100, Old Broad St. London EC2N 1BQ 01-621 0011				
Capital (3)	331.9	349.4	..	1.88
Income (3)	263.0	278.9	..	4.81
North American (3)	253.0	266.4	..	1.49
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St. EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	99.0	106.8●	+1.6	11.36
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENG 77 London Wall EC2 1DB 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	389.15		+23.10	4.43
Fixed Int	139.6		+7.11	10.24
Deposit	100.0			12.00
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815				
Income	356.98		●	4.96
Accum	£10.0068		[illegible]	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 277719				
General Equity	35.1	37.4	..	3.20
Equity High Income	37.5	39.9●	-0.1	5.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	27.3	29.1	-0.2	3.70
Index Securities	23.7	25.3	..	2.50
Amer Growth	23.5	25.0	..	1.90
Japan Growth	25.0		..	0.90
European Gth	25.0		..	2.00
Gilt & FI Gth	25.0		..	10.50
COUNTY BANK UNIT TRUSTS 161 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Capital Accum	261.3	277.9	..	1.64
Energy Trust	41.2	43.8●	..	5.82
Extra Income	148.9	158.4	..	5.50
Financial	135.4	144.0●	..	2.57
Gilt Strategy	54.8	56.4	..	1.59
Growth Investment	261.6	278.2	..	2.71
Income & Growth	37.6	40.0●	..	4.77
Japanese & Pacific	115.8	123.1	..	0.01
Nth Amer Growth	99.7	106.0	..	1.69
Intl Recovery	103.4	110.0	..	2.99
Smaller Co's	184.2	195.9●	..	2.49
Global Inc Tst	52.4	55.7●	..	6.25
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	214.0	228.9	+0.3	5.59
Growth Trust	206.5	220.9●	+1.2	3.28
American Trust	123.9	132.5	-0.1	0.75
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	67.7	72.4	+0.6	2.35
Capital Fund	80.7	86.3	+0.2	1.97
Growth & Inc Fund	120.4	128.8●	+0.2	4.46
High Dist Fund	96.1	102.8	..	6.57
International Fund	174.0	186.1	+1.9	1.21
Resources Fund	19.2	20.5	+0.2	2.20
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	28.5	30.5	+0.9	0.10
Tokyo Fund	118.5	126.7	+3.0	0.20
(Ex) Amer (2)	138.2	142.7	+8.7	2.10
(Ex) Japan (3)	80.2	82.8	..	0.29
(Ex) Pacific (4)	212.6	219.5●	..	1.83
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	164.0	169.3	..	0.10
Eurofund	24.0	25.6	+0.1	3.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	62.5	66.7	+0.4	3.00
Do Accum	62.5	66.7	+0.4	3.00
UK Growth Accum	66.7	71.1	..	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	60.4	64.4	..	5.43
N American Accum	62.5	66.7	-1.2	1.50
Far Eastern Accum	62.7	66.9	-0.7	0.75
European Accum	66.7	71.1	-0.8	1.23
UK Gilt & FI Inc	51.4	54.8	+1.0	9.13
Do Accum	51.4	54.8	+1.0	9.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Neagh House 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 01-373 7261				
Endurance	92.2	102.9	..	3.40
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	69.5	74.0	+0.3	3.46
High Income Trust	66.3	70.6	+0.2	5.53
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.6	53.9	+0.5	8.85
Tst Of Inv Trusts	60.3	64.2●	+0.1	1.88
Special Sits Trust	70.3	74.8	+0.1	2.58
Nth Amer Trust	53.7	57.2	-0.7	1.95
Far Eastern Trust	62.4	66.4	-0.2	0.61
EQUITY & LAW St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	136.9	145.6	..	3.53
Do Income	120.6	128.1	..	3.63
Higher Inc Accum	216.8	230.4	..	5.00
Do Income	177.3	188.6	..	5.00
Gilts/Fixed Accum	95.0	99.9●	..	2.90
Do Income	81.1	85.3●	..	2.90
Nth Amer Tst Accum	134.8	143.4	..	0.22
Far East Tst Accum	112.1	119.2	..	0.72
Euro Tst Accum	134.6	143.1c	..	1.02
General Trust	216.2	229.9	..	2.85
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
American Fund	71.5	76.5	-1.4	0.26
Capital Fund	103.8	111.1	-0.3	0.44
Income Fund	73.3	78.5	+0.6	5.00
Far Eastern Fund	62.3	66.7	-0.5	0.42
Overseas Income	65.0	69.6	-0.3	3.92
Fixed Interest	55.8	59.1	+0.4	9.31
Natural Res Fund	45.5	48.7	-1.1	4.06
European Income	62.5	66.8●	-0.3	3.52
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	349.1	371.4	..	2.20
Do Accum	352.2	374.7	..	..
Income Gth Inc	34.7	36.9	..	6.50
Do Accum	35.4	37.7	..	..
Service Co's Inc	38.5	39.8	..	1.90
Do Accum	36.8	39.1	..	..
FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL River Walk Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 362222				
American	96.6	103.4	-0.7	0.75
Amer Equity Income	31.6	33.8	-0.3	4.94
Amer Special Sits	49.6	52.8	-0.7	0.42
Far East Inc	29.2	31.1	..	3.95
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.2	30.5	-0.1	9.36
Growth & Income	91.0	97.4	-0.2	4.52
Japan Special Sits	31.6	33.7	..	..
Japan Trust	93.2	99.2	-0.3	..
Managed Intl Tst	120.8	129.3●	-0.1	0.38
Max Income Equity	67.7	72.8●	-1.2	5.49
Professional Gth	30.8	32.8●	..	2.62
South East Asia Tst	25.8	27.3	-0.1	0.51
Special Sits	136.5	146.0	+0.4	1.14
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 8AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£351.5	359.1	+6.86	1.49
Japan Exempt	£269.7	298.9●	+10.38	1.32
Am Property Tst	$10795.0			7.75
Property Trust	£2033.0		-54.0	6.10
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	227.2	241.6	+1.0	0.55
Do Accum	232.0	246.8	+0.9	0.55
Amer Turnarnd Inc	214.2	227.8	-1.8	1.18
Do Accum	220.8	234.8	-1.8	1.18
Capital Tst Inc	185.6	197.4	-0.2	2.97
Do Accum	221.6	235.6	-0.2	2.97
Conv & Gilt Inc	82.4	87.6	-0.2	6.28
Do Accum	107.8	114.6	-0.4	6.28
Extra Inc Tst Inc	141.4	150.4●	-0.6	4.82
Do Accum	150.6	160.0●	-0.5	4.82
Income Trust	108.2	115.0	..	4.45
Do Accum	112.4	119.4	..	4.45
Intl Growth Fd Inc	153.8	163.6	-1.2	0.00
Do Accum	170.8	181.6	-1.4	0.00
Japan & Gen Inc	66.0	70.2●	-1.0	0.08
Do Accum	66.6	70.8●	-1.2	0.08
Monthly Income Fd	69.8	74.2●	-0.2	5.04
Recovery	123.6	131.4●	-0.8	1.95
Do Accum	133.6	142.0●	-1.0	1.95
European Inc	48.8	51.8	-0.2	0.97
Do Accum	48.8	51.8	-0.2	0.97
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	188.1	199.3	..	2.82
Do Accum	310.7	329.1	..	2.82
FP Fixed Int Dist	107.1	114.4	..	6.26
Do Accum	119.3	127.4	..	6.26
Stewardship Dist	155.1	164.3	..	2.24
Do Accum	159.5	168.9	..	2.24
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	325.6	338.9	..	2.84
Gross Inc	138.3	141.0	..	8.23
High Yield	183.0	200.0●	..	6.41
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor 8, Devonshire Sq London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
UK Cap Fnd Inc	90.9	97.3●	+0.1	2.60
Do Accum	129.8	138.7●	+0.2	2.60
Income Fund	73.8	79.0●	-0.1	6.60
Pension Exempt	148.9	156.0●	+0.1	2.40
International	139.5	149.3●	..	1.00
US & General	55.8	59.7	-0.2	1.40
Tech & Growth	63.5	68.0	-0.6	1.00
Japan & General	167.4	179.1	-1.0	0.30
Far East & Gen	75.0	80.3	+0.1	1.00
European Fund	215.1	230.1●	-1.6	0.70
Germany Fund	63.1	67.5	+0.5	1.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	92.3	98.8	-0.7	0.00
Australian Trust	19.2	20.4	..	0.42
British Tst Accum	49.8	53.0●	..	2.32
Do Dist	43.7	46.9●	..	2.32
Commodity Share	57.3	61.0	..	1.25
European Trust	44.5	47.7●	-0.5	0.69
Extra Income Trust	44.2	47.3	..	5.30
Far Eastern Trust	97.0	103.7	..	0.41
Fixed Interest Fund	25.0	26.7	..	10.18
Gilt Trust	26.2	27.3	+0.7	10.01
Global Fund Accum	145.2	154.5	-1.6	0.25
Do Dist	138.3	147.2	-1.6	0.25
Gold Share Trust	13.9	14.8	-0.3	1.95
Hedged American	28.3	30.2	-0.2	0.10
High Income Trust	122.7	132.4●	+0.1	5.52
Hong Kong Trust	25.2	26.9●	..	0.93
Income Fund	66.1	70.8●	+0.1	3.68
Insurance Agencies	£42.82	45.34	-0.27	2.18
Japan Trust	106.9	113.8	+0.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	250.3	268.8	+2.3	3.25
Oil & Energy Trust	32.2	34.3●	-0.2	1.05
Special Sits Trust	84.2	90.1	-0.1	1.09
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	63.0	67.4	-0.4	1.05
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	71.5	76.4	-0.6	1.81
American Growth	60.8	65.0	-0.4	1.91
American Inc	65.7	70.2●	-0.9	5.91
European Growth	174.1	186.2	-1.2	0.24
Gold & Minerals	42.7	45.6	-0.6	1.86
Japan Growth	123.8	132.1	-0.5	0.21
Pacific Income	62.7	67.0	+0.1	3.95
UK Special Opps	76.0	81.7●	..	2.21
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-688 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	115.3	119.6●	+2.2	9.58
Growth Equity	194.6	207.1	+0.8	2.15
Guardhill	279.5	289.7●	+1.3	3.07
N American	135.5	144.2	-1.8	2.07
Pacific	160.8	171.2	-1.2	0.58
Property Share	215.0	228.8	-0.4	1.80
Smaller Companies	190.4	202.6	-0.7	1.62
European Trust	200.4	213.2	..	0.97
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	49.9	53.6	-0.2	5.90
N Amer Trust	117.9	125.4c	+3.4	0.79
Recovery	174.9	186.1	-0.1	2.67
Gilt Trust	37.6	39.9●	+0.2	9.60
St Vincent Inc	78.5	78.8●	-0.5	5.93
St Vincent US Gth	73.8	76.9●	+1.8	0.76
Temple Bar Sm Co's	152.6	161.0	..	3.50
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex 0277 217916				
Hambros Smllr Co's	110.6	117.7●	-0.1	2.20
Habros N Amer	65.1	69.3	-1.0	0.95
Hambros Jap & F E	80.0	85.7	-0.4	0.47
Hambros Scandvn	69.7	74.2	+1.5	1.04
Hambros European	87.8	93.4	+0.2	0.99
Hambros Canadian	43.1	45.9	-0.2	1.74
Hambros Equity Inc	76.5	81.4	-0.1	4.84
Hambros High Inc	53.3	56.8c	-0.3	5.91
Hambros Res Assts	53.6	57.0●	..	3.11
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277-217238				
Special Sits Inc	116.6	124.8●	-1.4	1.04
Do Accum	163.8	175.3●	-1.9	1.04
Recovery Trust	89.7	96.0●	-0.4	2.53
Capital Growth Inc	53.2	56.9	-0.5	2.25
Do Accum	60.9	65.2	-0.4	2.25
Income Assets	101.6	108.1●	+0.2	4.14
Financial Trust	122.4	131.0	+0.9	2.38
Income & Growth Inc	131.7	140.1	-0.2	3.10
Do Accum	253.0	269.1	-0.4	3.10
High Income Trust	157.9	169.0●	-1.9	4.86
Extra Income	145.5	156.4●	-0.3	4.98
Smaller Cos Div	91.7	98.1●	+0.1	5.49
Pref & Gilt	45.5	48.7●	+0.8	10.07
Gilt Trust	42.8	45.4●	+0.2	9.38
Fixed Interest Trust	53.4	56.8●	+0.1	9.86
Global Healthcare	62.5	66.4	-0.8	0.01
Global Tech	108.7	113.1	+0.1	0.22
Gold	41.3	43.9●	-0.3	1.03
International	154.5	166.1	-0.4	0.22
Global Resources	64.7	69.2●	-0.4	3.58
Worldwide (5)	332.7	350.2	..	3.44
Australian	61.6	65.9	-0.3	0.85
European	210.8	221.9	-1.6	0.78
Euro Smaller Cos	75.4	79.4	+0.5	0.35
Japan Trust	115.0	122.3●	+1.2	0.44
Japan Special Sits	117.4	124.9	+0.8	0.01
Pacific Smaller Cos	58.2	61.7	+0.2	0.60
Singapore & Malay	24.7	26.4●	+0.3	2.12
North American	138.8	149.7	-1.6	0.49
Amer Smaller Cos	52.1	56.3	+0.4	0.01
Amer Recovery Tst	130.5	130.1	-1.6	1.36
High Income Exempt	110.8	116.6●	+0.1	5.44
Smaller Cos Exempt	108.9	114.6	+0.3	2.87
Euro Exempt	101.0	106.3c	-1.0	1.57
Japan Exempt (5)	108.9	112.5●	-0.1	0.94
N Amer	85.1	89.6	-1.3	1.18
Global Tech Ex (5)	87.6	92.2	-0.9	0.15
Pacific Exempt (5)	139.2	146.5	+0.1	1.32
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Beech St EC2P 2LX 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	506.2	538.6	+7.8	2.20
Capital Trust Units	92.4	98.3●	-1.5	2.96
Dollar Trust Units	181.7	193.3	-1.9	2.91
European Trust	108.6	115.6	+1.2	0.85
Far East Trust	98.1	104.4	+0.3	2.27
Financial Trust	332.0	353.2	+0.4	2.46
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	28.0	29.1●	+0.2	10.06
Do Growth	40.7	43.1●	+0.6	3.25
High Yield Trust	58.3	62.1	..	5.56
Income Trust	74.1	78.9	-0.1	4.95
International	108.2	115.2	-0.9	2.65
Japan Tech Tst	30.3	32.3	-0.2	0.46
Natural Resources	29.5	31.4	-0.8	2.42
Security Trust	169.5	180.4●	-0.8	3.17
Smaller Cos	73.5	78.2	-0.4	1.68
Special Sits	87.5	93.2●	-1.7	2.62
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	124.0	132.0	-0.2	1.90
IBI High Income	54.7	57.6	..	9.30
IBI Security Gilt	55.0	57.9	-0.1	2.00
Investment Tst Fnd	62.3	65.6	+0.1	3.60
KLEINWORT BENSON 20, Fenchurch St. London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Growth Inc	63.9	67.7●	+0.8	1.09
Do Accum	65.3	69.2●	+0.8	..
Fund Inv Tst Inc	17.6	19.0●	-0.1	2.96
Do Accum	22.2	24.0●	-0.1	
High Yield Inc	117.4	124.4	-0.3	5.83
Do Accum	189.7	201.1	-0.4	
Intl Recovery Inc	90.6	96.0	+0.3	1.94
Do Accum	94.8	100.5	+0.3	..
Japan Growth Inc	72.5	77.6c	+1.8	..
Do Accum	72.8	77.3c	+1.9	..
Smaller Co's Inc	137.2	148.2	-0.1	2.04
Do Accum	177.6	191.8	-0.3	
UK Eq Growth Inc	26.1	27.9s	-0.2	1.50
Do Accum	42.8	45.8s	-0.3	
Worldwide Tech Inc	40.8	43.7●	+0.1	0.09
Do Accum	41.1	44.0	+0.1	
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	387.0	394.9●	..	5.55
International & Gen	218.0	222.5●	..	0.68
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	255.1	272.8●	+1.3	2.24
Do Accum	398.2	425.9●	+2.0	2.24
Do Income	55.6	59.5●	-0.3	5.04
European	60.9	65.1●	-0.5	1.27
Far Eastern	65.8	70.4	-0.2	0.57
Gilt Trust	73.7	78.0	+0.9	6.01
Intl Managed	68.3	73.0	-0.5	1.25
Natural Res	46.0	49.2	-0.8	3.58
N American Trust	71.2	76.2●	-1.1	3.82
UK Special Sits	55.7	59.6	-0.2	2.27
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt. Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	170.8	182.6	..	3.14
Do Accum	300.8	321.7	..	3.14
Energy Intl	45.7	48.8●	..	3.92
Do Accum	50.3	53.7	..	3.92
Extra Income	143.9	153.8	..	5.52
Do Accum	254.2	271.8	..	5.52
German Gth Inc	57.6	61.6	..	0.25
Do Accum	57.6	61.6	..	0.25
Income	243.4	260.3	..	4.68
Do Accum	472.2	505.0	..	4.68
Intl Tech	171.6	183.5	..	0.58
Do Accum	179.0	191.4	..	0.58
Japan Growth	57.2	61.1	..	0.02
Do Accum	57.2	61.1	..	0.02
N Amer & Gen	98.4	105.2●	..	1.00
Do Accum	105.9	113.2	..	1.00
Pacific Basin	97.2	103.9●	..	0.36
Do Accum	101.4	108.4●	..	0.36
Smaller Cos & Rec	165.5	177.0	..	1.93
Do Accum	184.3	197.1	..	1.93
Worldwide Growth	167.8	179.4	..	1.15
Do Accum	234.8	251.1	..	1.15
LLOYDS LIFE UNIT TRUST 20, Clifton St. London EC2A 4MX 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	105.0	111.8	+0.2	1.58
Do Accum	146.4	155.8	+0.2	1.58
Gilt Trust	51.0	53.7	+1.3	4.65
Do Accum	54.6	57.5	+1.5	4.65
High Income Dist	82.2	87.5	-0.2	4.85
Do Accum	94.3	100.4	+12.3	4.85
US Growth	54.3	57.8●	-0.9	1.13
Do Accum	54.7	58.2●	-1.0	1.13
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	40.2	43.0	+0.2	3.80
Income Trust	33.0	35.3●		6.50
International Trust	28.6	30.6	-0.3	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	217.4	230.4●	-2.2	1.78
Do Accum	251.9	267.0●	-2.6	1.78
Amer Recovery	244.5	259.2	-1.8	1.33
Do Accum	265.0	280.9	-1.8	1.33
Am Smaller Cos	58.6	62.1●	-0.2	0.70
Do Accum	59.6	63.2●	-0.2	0.70
Aust & Gen Inc	67.9	72.7●	..	1.10
Do Accum	74.0	79.2●	..	1.10
Comm & Gen Inc	155.1	166.0●	+0.3	3.09
Do Accum	202.5	216.7●	+0.5	3.08
Compound Growth	376.2	402.5	-0.9	3.39
Conversion Growth	302.9	324.1●	+1.7	2.67
Do Inc	169.6	179.8●	-0.4	6.82
Dividend Fund Inc	372.5	394.8	-1.4	5.01
Do Accum	£10.76	11.40	-0.03	5.01
European & General	172.5	182.8	+2.5	1.18
Do Accum	205.4	217.7	+3.0	1.18
Extra Yield Inc	199.5	211.5c	-0.6	5.87
Do Accum	420.5	445.7	-1.1	5.87
Far Eastern Inc	104.7	112.0●	-0.1	2.05
Do Accum	127.3	136.2	..	2.05
Fund Of Inv Inc	217.9	231.0	-0.8	2.76
Do Acc	338.7	359.0	-1.3	2.76
General Income	560.9	594.6	-1.0	3.90
Do Accum	£11.74	12.44	-0.02	3.90
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.0	60.9●	-0.3	9.56
Do Accum	86.6	90.9	-0.4	9.56
Gold Income	41.5	44.8	-0.3	2.84
Do Accum	43.5	47.0	-0.4	2.84
High Income Inc	287.4	304.6	-0.7	5.42
Do Accum	761.9	807.6	-2.1	5.42
Intl Growth Inc	695.9	744.6●	+5.6	2.28
Do Accum	£11.10	11.87●	+0.09	2.28
Intl Inc Inc	55.4	58.7	-0.6	5.18
Japan & Gen Inc	584.5	622.5	-1.3	0.04
Do Accum	628.0	668.7	-1.4	0.04
Japan Smaller Acc	76.0	80.9	-0.2	0.07
Midland & Gen Inc	498.3	528.2	+1.2	4.34
Do Accum	£12.22	12.96	+0.02	4.34
Recovery Fund Inc	309.6	328.2	+0.5	3.25
Do Accum	397.0	420.8	+0.8	3.25
Second Gen Inc	627.8	665.5	+0.8	3.70
Do Accum	£12.24	12.98	+0.01	3.70
Smaller Cos Inc	586.8	633.7●	+0.6	2.73
Do Accum	915.9	989.2●	+1.0	2.73
Trustee Fund Inc	413.5	442.4	-0.8	4.42
Do Accum	£11.67	12.49	-0.02	4.42
Charibond Inc (3)	108.3		..	11.46
Do Accum (3)	329.4		..	11.46
Charifund Inc (2)	360.0	353.5	+3.9	5.91
Do Accum (2)	902.2	911.3	+10.1	5.91
Pension Exempt (1)	422.4	441.5	..	4.78
NAACIF Inc (3)	35.7		..	8.87
Do Accum (3)	417.8		..	8.87
MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 11, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR 01-623 4273				
Equity Exempt	369.4	385.7	+3.2	2.63
Do Accum	462.7	483.2	+4.1	2.63
UK Market Features	63.0	67.2	+0.8	2.08
Do Accum	64.3	68.6	+0.8	2.08
Japan Performance	102.7	109.5	-0.3	0.13
Do Accum	103.0	109.9	-0.3	0.13
US Special Features	64.6	68.9	-0.6	0.81
Do Accum	65.2	69.5	-0.6	0.81
Gold & Precious Met	39.5	42.9●	-0.7	2.00
Do Accum	40.8	44.3●	-0.7	2.00
US Special Inc	55.2	58.8●	-0.4	5.31
Do Accum	58.5	62.4●	-0.5	5.31
European Perf Inc	70.8	75.3●	-0.8	0.92
Do Accum	70.9	75.4●	-0.8	0.92
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA General	31.4	33.2	+0.2	2.25
MLA International	48.0	50.8	+0.2	1.04
MLA Gilt Unit	23.3	24.8●	+0.4	10.56
MLA Income	36.5	38.6●	+0.1	5.18
MLA European	26.8	28.1	+0.3	0.88
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	69.6	74.0	..	3.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.7	108.4●	..	8.56
High Income Units	104.1	110.6	..	5.82
High Yield Gilt Unit	52.8	54.7●	..	10.14
Intl Growth Units	104.1	110.6	..	0.35
N American Units	64.1	68.1	..	0.59
Far East Units	73.2	77.8	..	0.52
Smaller Cos Fund	61.7	65.6	..	1.68
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	127.2	135.3	+0.3	4.31
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St. EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	93.8	99.7	-1.2	1.63
Do Accum	97.1	103.2	-1.2	1.63
Amer Income	48.1	51.1	-0.2	4.84
Do Accum	49.3	52.4	-0.2	4.84
European Growth	109.5	116.4	+1.0	1.78
Do Accum	112.4	119.5	+1.0	1.78
General	228.6	243.1●	+1.1	2.86
Do Accum	371.8	395.5●	+1.8	2.86
Gilt & Fixed	84.4	89.2	+1.4	7.95
Do Accum	92.5	93.4	+1.6	7.95
Income	72.4	77.0●	..	4.75
Do Accum	79.7	84.7●	..	4.75
International	203.1	216.0	-1.5	1.25
Do Accum	250.7	266.6	-1.8	1.25
Japan	114.8	122.1	-0.4	0.00
Do Accum	116.9	124.3	-0.4	0.00
Recovery	173.8	184.8	+0.6	2.49
Do Accum	183.7	195.4	+0.5	2.49
Exempt Dist	215.3	222.9●	+2.7	2.49
Exempt Accum	330.6	340.8●	+4.0	2.49
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse. Silver St. Head. Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 79842				
Capital Income	74.5	79.4		2.45
Do Accum	100.5	107.2		2.45
Commodity & Gen	110.6	118.0	-0.8	3.02
Do Accum	153.2	163.4	-1.1	3.02
Extra High Inc	54.6	58.2	-0.1	8.20
Do Accum	61.7	65.8	-0.1	8.20
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.8	54.9●	+0.9	9.58
Do Accum	64.3	68.0●	+1.4	9.58
High Yield	140.0	149.3	+0.1	5.84
Do Accum	232.2	247.0	-0.4	5.84
Income	159.1	169.7●	+0.3	3.81
Do Accum	259.0	276.3●	+0.5	3.81
Japan & Pacific	200.8	214.1●	+0.4	0.21
Do Accum	310.4	224.4●	+0.3	0.21
N American Inc	103.3	110.1	-0.9	1.20
Do Accum	122.8	131.0	-1.0	1.20
Euro Gth Inc	102.3	109.1	-0.7	1.21
Do Accum	122.5	130.7	-0.9	1.21
Smaller Cos Inc	95.0	101.3	-0.5	2.75
Do Accum	100.5	107.2	-0.5	2.75
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	109.9	117.2●	..	3.40
European	199.8	213.3	..	1.05
Smaller Cos	176.6	188.5	..	1.60
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St. EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	189.6	201.8	+0.6	3.10
Do Accum	303.1	322.5	+1.0	3.10
NPI Overseas	513.8	546.6●	-2.6	1.10
Do Accum	626.5	666.5●	-3.2	1.10
Far East Acc	61.5	65.5●	+0.3	0.30
Do Dist	61.5	65.5●	+0.3	0.30
American Acc	55.7	59.3	-0.8	1.30
Do Dist	55.2	58.8	-0.8	1.30
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£10.88	11.46●	+0.03	3.93
Intl Trust	116.3	124.5	-0.4	1.61
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street. London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	124.9	133.6	+0.8	0.90
Income & Growth	54.8	58.3	+0.9	3.00
Special Sits	72.0	77.1	-0.4	4.40
American Growth	32.9	35.2●	-0.1	0.70
Japan Growth	44.6	47.8		
European Growth	53.6	57.4●	+0.4	1.20
UK Growth	49.5	53.1	-0.1	0.80
Pacific Growth	37.4	40.0	+0.7	0.10
High Income	29.9	32.0	-0.1	8.30
Practical Income	48.0	51.1	+0.1	2.30
Do Accum	86.3	91.9	+0.1	2.30
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	82.0	87.2	+0.1	2.53
Do Accum	121.1	128.8	+0.1	2.53
Income Fund	109.3	116.3	+0.3	4.33
Intl Equity Inc	112.8	119.8	-0.5	1.67
Do Accum	112.6	119.8	-0.5	1.67
Unit Trust Inc	116.0	123.4	+0.2	3.37
Do Accum	198.6	211.3	+0.4	3.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	248.2	264.2	+4.1	1.26
Income	174.4	186.6	-0.5	5.18
Worldwide Rec	138.4	148.6●	+1.3	1.92
Amer Growth	67.1	72.0●	+0.6	0.86
Intl Emerg Co's	73.8	79.2	+1.0	0.65
Far East Grwth	59.7	64.1	+1.1	1.06
European Gth	52.3	56.2	+1.1	2.00
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	99.6	107.1	..	1.32
High Income	161.7	171.5	..	4.37
Conv & Gilt	88.9	94.2●	..	8.32
Far Eastern	131.8	141.7	..	0.24
North American	136.9	147.2	..	2.00
Special Sits	180.7	191.8	..	1.23
Technology	113.8	122.4	..	0.50
Extra Income	76.9	81.5	..	5.13
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	379.6	403.8	+1.6	3.30
European	73.9	78.6	-0.7	0.92
Holborn Comms	51.2	54.4		3.07
Holborn High Inc	61.3	65.2c	+0.3	6.65
Holborn Intl	84.8	90.2●	-0.6	0.98
Japanese	68.6	72.9●	-0.5	0.05
N American	63.0	66.0	-1.3	1.69
Holborn Spec Sits	57.4	61.0	-0.1	3.09
Holborn UK Growth	76.0	80.8●	+0.2	3.02
Holborn Gilt Trust	170.2	177.0	+3.7	8.85
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	391.6	416.6	..	3.15
Quadrant Income	217.6	231.5	..	5.74
Quadrant Intl Fd	351.7	370.3	..	1.19
Quadrant Recovery	237.5	252.7	..	2.84
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC America Inc	265.1	282.0	-3.4	1.07
Do Accum	285.1	303.2	-3.8	1.07
NC Energy Res	140.3	149.2	-1.2	2.81
NC Income	83.4	88.7	..	3.95
NC Japan	142.4	151.4	-1.4	0.01
NC Smaller Cos	124.6	132.5●	+0.1	2.32
NC Smlr Europ Co's	148.8	158.1	-1.3	0.40
NC Exempt Gilt	£121.0	126.0	+5.0	7.09
NC Amer Prop	$11.57	12.18	..	..
NC Property	186.5	196.3	..	..
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-638 5678				
American (4)	206.5	210.5	..	2.70
Securities (2)	662.0	677.0●	+33.0	2.62
High Yield (5)	145.0	148.5	..	6.07
Merlin (3)	353.5	361.5	..	2.09
Fixed Interest	164.0	165.0	+2.5	2.59
High Interest	119.0	120.5	-1.3	12.65
Far East (2)	164.0	167.5	+7.0	0.30
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	58.0	61.7	+0.1	2.72
Intl Trust	64.4	68.5●	-0.4	1.24
Gilt Trust	25.9	27.2	+0.3	8.58
US Trust	30.3	32.2	-0.4	1.49
Pacific Basin Tst	31.2	33.1	-0.3	0.64
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	80.1	85.3●	-1.3	0.91
Capital Accum	167.4	178.6	+1.0	2.25
Gilt Income	53.1	55.9	+0.7	9.23
High Income	69.3	73.8●	+0.5	5.68
Income & Growth	87.7	93.3●	+0.3	4.84
Japan Growth	64.3	68.5	-0.5	0.08
Special Sits	94.5	101.7c	-0.4	1.52
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX (Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351				
Amer Inc & Growth	66.0	70.5	-0.2	7.56
Capital Units	94.2	100.7	-1.1	2.45
Commodity	46.6	49.8●	-0.3	1.62
Energy Inds	44.1	47.1●	-0.7	3.59
European Growth	87.5	93.5	-0.2	0.89
Exempt Inc Bnd	75.0	79.0●	..	5.62
Do Intl (43)	57.2	60.3	..	2.92
Exploration	36.4	38.9●	-0.3	1.08
Financial Secs	85.8	91.7	+0.1	2.25
Gilt & FI Inc	53.4	58.3	+0.7	11.02
High Return Units	163.0	174.3	+0.1	5.11
High Yield Units	153.8	164.4	+0.1	4.74
Income Units	88.6	94.7●	..	5.14
Investment Trust	78.7	84.1	+0.1	2.70
International	111.0	118.0	+0.2	3.44
Japan Growth	84.4	88.8	-0.3	..
Japan Smaller Cos	100.3	107.2	-0.5	..
Masterfund	25.5	27.2	..	3.06
New Technology	94.9	101.4	-1.1	..
SE Asia Growth	89.2	95.4	-0.3	1.90
Scotbits	115.1	123.1	+0.3	2.87
Scotshares	149.6	160.0	+0.6	4.37
Scotyields	144.5	154.5●	+0.1	4.25
Select International	67.7	72.3	-0.3	1.37
Smaller Co's Inc	136.3	145.7	-0.2	5.08
Special Situations	85.3	91.2	+0.1	2.16
UK Equity	167.9	179.5●	+0.5	2.20
US Growth	71.1	76.0●	-0.8	1.66
Universal Growth	78.2	81.4	-0.4	1.94
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Inc	121.8	130.2	-1.5	1.55
Do Accum	124.2	132.8	-1.5	1.65
Australian Inc	58.5	62.9●	..	1.98
Do Accum	62.8	67.5●	+0.1	1.98
European Inc	97.3	104.0	+4.5	7.16
Do Accum	99.7	106.6	+4.6	1.16
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.4	58.3●	+0.8	9.59
Do Accum	78.7	84.0●	+1.2	9.59
Gold Fund Inc	33.8	36.1	-0.4	4.02
Do Accum	35.2	37.6	-0.5	4.02
Income	157.3	168.2	+0.2	5.03
Do Accum	345.4	369.4	+0.3	5.03
Intl Income	98.2	105.0	+1.2	0.75
Do Accum	135.5	144.9	+1.7	0.75
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	108.0	115.5	+3.7	0.10
Singapore & Malay	45.1	48.2	-0.4	1.45
Do Accum	46.0	49.1	-0.5	1.45
Smaller Co's Inc	117.5	125.6	+0.5	1.57
Do Accum	122.6	131.1	+0.6	1.57
Special Sits Inc	96.1	102.7	+0.4	1.35
Do Accum	99.3	106.2	+0.4	1.35
Tokyo Fund Inc	158.7	170.7	..	0.26
Do Accum	161.4	172.6	..	0.26
US Smaller Co's Ac	55.4	59.2	-0.5	0.24
UK Equity Inc	95.1	101.7	-0.8	3.18
Do Accum	145.5	155.6	-1.1	3.18
Recovery	678.0	725.1●	..	2.76
Special Exempt	107.3	114.7a	-0.7	1.67
Pensions & Charity	514.1	549.8●	..	3.58
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	137.7	148.5	+1.0	3.35
Do Accum	202.9	215.9	+1.6	3.36
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	166.3	177.9	+0.4	1.97
American	143.2	153.2	-2.1	1.34
Pacific	130.9	140.0	+0.1	0.07
European	192.3	205.7	-1.7	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	157.0	167.0	-0.7	2.52
Gilt & Fixed	111.2	118.3	+0.7	8.57
UK Smlr Co's Eq	131.5	139.9	+0.1	1.72
European	162.6	173.0	+3.6	1.56
N American	106.0	112.8	+1.3	1.82
Pacific	123.4	131.3	+2.9	1.32
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	43.2	46.3	-0.2	0.39
World Growth	32.0	34.3	-0.2	0.78
N American	33.6	36.0	-0.2	0.32
Income Fund	41.0	43.9●	..	5.22
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	213.3	227.0	-1.0	3.08
Do Accum	243.7	259.3	-1.2	3.08
SENTINAL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	102.3	109.5	+1.3	0.10
Pacific	137.5	147.1	+2.6	0.10
Sec Income Fnd	159.1	170.2	+1.1	4.80
Special Situations	190.8	204.2	..	2.45
Energy & Res	24.4	26.1	-0.2	3.50
American Majors	69.3	74.2	+0.5	0.64
Small Co's	34.5	36.9●	+0.1	2.09
Japan Tech & Gen	74.1	79.3	+0.1	0.10
International Income	55.0	58.9●	+0.7	6.57
Exempt	496.5	531.3	..	2.98
UK General	28.9	30.9	..	2.65
SIMON & COATES 1, London Wall Bldgs, London EC2M 5PT 01-588 3644 Ext 357				
Special Sits (5)	48.2	51.3	..	1.49
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	235.0	251.9	-0.2	3.24
Do Accum Units	257.5	276.0	-0.2	3.24
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	215.6	229.8	..	2.21
Do Accum	242.1	257.8	..	2.21
Do Withdrawal	156.1	166.2	..	2.21
Australian Fund	111.9	119.2	..	0.97
Do Accum	113.1	120.5	..	0.97
British Fund	520.3	554.1●	..	4.84
Do Accum	699.8	745.3●	..	4.34
European Fund	248.7	262.7	..	0.91
Do Accum	259.8	276.6	..	0.91
Japan Fund	245.7	261.7●	..	0.39
Do Accum	248.4	262.5●	..	0.39
Saints PPP	146.8	154.4	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	368.8	398.8	+2.3	2.37
N Am Trust Acc	55.1	58.6	-0.7	1.65
Far East Trust Acc	81.6	86.5	..	0.88
TSB UNIT TRUSTS PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 62188 Dealings 0264 63432				
American Inc	110.8	117.9	-1.6	0.94
Do Accum	115.3	122.7	-1.7	0.94
Extra Income Inc	99.7	106.1●	-0.2	5.66
Do Accum	116.4	123.9●	-0.2	5.55
General Unit Inc	148.5	158.0●	+0.7	2.79
Do Accum	241.5	257.0●	+1.0	2.79
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.1	50.2●	+0.6	8.83
Do Accum	61.8	64.2●	+0.7	8.83
Income	198.9	211.6	+0.3	4.50
Accum	305.2	324.7	+0.3	4.50
Pacific Inc	123.7	131.7	-0.1	0.71
Do Accum	126.9	135.0	..	0.71
Intl Inc	274.2	291.8	-2.1	1.80
Do Accum	336.6	358.1	-2.5	1.80
Selected Opps Inc	56.3	59.9c	..	1.80
Do Accum	61.2	65.2c	..	1.80
Natural Res	43.2	46.0	-0.5	2.34
Do Accum	44.0	45.9	-0.5	2.34
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks 0296 5941				
Amer Eagle	74.7	79.6	-1.2	0.44
Australian	19.5	20.8●	+0.1	0.10
Commodity	72.0	77.5	-0.1	2.27
Energy	31.8	34.1	-0.5	1.59
Equity	117.6	126.4	+1.0	2.89
European Spec Sits	85.4	91.6	-0.2	0.27
Extra Income	103.6	111.4●	-0.5	6.23
Financial	241.5	258.5●	+0.9	[illegible]
Gilt Income	101.2	106.2●	+1.3	8.41
Gold Income	58.7	62.6	-1.1	1.98
Do Accum	105.9	114.0	-1.9	1.98
Income	75.0	80.0●		4.81
Japan	68.2	72.8	..	0.10
Malay & Singapore	19.5	20.8	+0.2	1.35
Pacific Inc	73.7	78.5	+0.2	0.09
Do Reinvest	90.5	96.4	+0.3	0.09
Pref Share Fd	16.5	17.6		9.97
UK Capital	61.2	65.6a	+1.1	2.02
Special Sits	80.7	86.4●	+0.1	0.94
Technology	45.1	48.1●	-1.4	0.10
World Income	51.1	54.7	-0.1	6.91
Worldwide Capital	129.7	138.9	+0.5	1.81
Equity Ex (3)	72.4	77.3	+3.0	1.59
Do Accum (3)	135.9	145.0	+5.9	1.59
3I UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co's	71.0	75.5	.	0.10
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	35.9	38.2●	-0.2	0.78
General Growth	49.4	53.2		2.77
Global Tech	38.9	41.7	-0.8	0.10
Income Growth	55.4	59.0	..	5.04
Income Monthly	43.9	47.0●	-0.1	7.15
Japan Growth	30.9	32.9		0.12
O'seas Growth	40.1	43.1	-0.5	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	54.8	58.4	+0.1	2.67
Special Opps	59.4	63.2●	+0.3	2.78
TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES 91-99, New London Rd, Chelmsford 0245 51651				
Colemco Inc (5)	426.9	445.5c	..	3.89
Do Accum (5)	696.3	726.5	..	3.89
Fielding Fund (4)	225.4	237.3	..	3.27
Do Accum (4)	245.8	259.6	..	3.27
Fldng Am & Gen (4)	205.0	218.0●	..	0.87
Do Accum (4)	233.1	247.7●	..	0.87
Fielding Inc Fund (4)	160.2	168.7	..	5.00
S & W Amer (3)	144.5	151.9	..	1.05
S & W Smlr Secs	119.4	125.9	..	0.37
TYNDALL MANAGERS 18, Canynge Rd. Bristol 0272 732241				
Australian	58.1	62.2	+0.2	1.69
Do Acc	60.0	64.2	+0.1	1.69
Capital	305.0	323.5●	+1.2	3.84
Do Accum	538.9	571.5●	+2.0	3.84
Exempt	258.7	275.6●	-1.2	6.42
Do Accum	581.4	619.2●	-2.8	6.42
Far Eastern	133.2	142.5●	+0.2	0.93
Do Accum	143.5	153.5●	+0.2	0.99
Fin & Prop	47.8	51.0●	+1.0	3.81
Do Accum	74.5	79.4●	+1.5	3.81
Gilt Capital	120.0	124.8●	+1.2	6.81
Do Accum	134.9	140.2●	+1.4	6.81
Gilt Income	105.0	109.0●	+1.1	10.04
Do Accum	167.5	173.8●	+1.7	10.04
High Yield	49.8	53.1	-0.1	6.89
Do Accum	106.3	113.3	-0.2	6.89
Income	210.3	223.1●	-0.6	5.85
Do Accum	641.7	680.5●	-2.1	5.85
Intl Earnings	155.3	165.5	+0.4	3.03
Do Accum	225.8	240.5	+0.5	3.03
Intl Growth	70.3	74.9	-0.4	0.32
Do Accum	72.8	77.6	-0.4	0.32
Japan Growth Acc	82.2	88.0	-0.3	0.20
Natural Resources	161.2	171.7	-0.2	2.47
Do Accum	229.7	244.7	-0.4	2.47
N Amer Growth	118.1	126.4	-1.4	1.00
Do Acc	136.9	148.5	-1.7	1.00
Pref	110.4	117.6	+0.8	11.17
Do Accum	274.4	292.4	+1.9	11.17
Smaller Co's Div Inc	49.7	53.0	..	6.15
Do Accum	56.2	59.8	+0.1	6.15
Smaller Cos	173.7	185.0●	-3.3	2.85
Do Accum	231.2	246.3●	+4.5	2.85
Special Sits	94.2	100.4	-0.3	2.28
Do Accum	97.6	104.2	-0.3	2.28
European Growth	89.8	95.7●	-0.5	1.33
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	115.6	122.8	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin	112.8	119.6	-0.4	..
N Amer	118.0	125.1	-1.3	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU 01-236 3053				
Growth Inc	171.2	182.2●	-0.1	2.00
Do Accum	249.1	265.0	..	2.00
High Yield	189.7	201.9●	-1.0	4.47
Special Sits	37.2	39.6s		2.77
Trustee	122.6	130.7	-0.7	3.70
Do Accum	183.6	195.4	-1.1	3.70
Amer & Gen	56.5	60.2	..	1.59
Master Portfolio (4)	£54.78	58.18	..	3.26
Abingdon Rdh Asts	100.6	107.1	..	4.50
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	65.5	70.5	-0.7	1.80
Far East & Gen	70.2	74.8	-1.0	1.40
Intl Growth	59.6	63.7	-0.4	1.40
Income Trust	74.1	79.7	+0.2	5.90
Japan Growth	78.7	84.6	-0.4	0.20
Small Companies	121.0	130.1●	+0.7	2.00
Technology	34.1	36.7	-0.2	0.20
Australia	42.2	45.3	+0.4	1.30
UK Trust	124.2	132.2	+0.2	2.58
European Growth	45.5	48.4	+0.6	1.20
Hong Kong	20.1	21.3●	-0.1	2.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	17.0	18.1●	+0.1	0.15
Pacific Basin Energy	13.7	14.6	..	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	46.9	50.9	..	3.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	$102.4	106.7●	+0.5	8.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	50.8	51.8	..	1.36

Quotations on this page relate to Tuesday's trading.

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday in month. (27) 1st Wednesday in month. (28) Last Thursday in month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

TEMPUS

The rattling quietens in CU's cupboard

Commercial Union has a fear of skeletons. It has, after all, found a large number of the American variety in recent years.

So last year the new management took the unusual step of asking a firm of actuaries to examine the level of provisions for the US business. It proclaimed that CU's reserves were sufficient, but only after the company had provided a further £59 million against some long-term high-risk business now discontinued.

With this backing, CU was able to declare yesterday that it believes realistic provision had been made against all outstanding claims in the US.

While some caution is required, given the uncertainties of the American liability system, this statement represents a huge step forward. Clearly the worst is over.

This picture was confirmed by yesterday's figures for 1985 which showed a reduced loss of £58.8 million before tax, even after the £59 million provision. Underwriting losses in the US were cut from £302 million to £231 million and there were also improvements in Canada and Britain. Life profits rose slightly but investment income was lower at £237 million, against £276 million.

With premium rates rising in all the main markets, prospects for all the composites are good. But investors have tended to assume that because CU has suffered more than its rivals from the recession, it has most to gain from recovery. But CU has cut back so drastically in the US, with non-life premium income down by 39 per cent last year, its potential is now less than that of other companies.

Against this background, the company is unlikely to increase its dividend significantly until 1987. Yesterday's figures showed a loss of 21.9p a share before realized investment gains. Nevertheless, the dividend was maintained at 11.8p, but the company managed to offset the damage to shareholders' funds by including for the first time a value of £90 million for the life business as well as unrealized gains.

Even if CU makes £90 million before tax this year, the dividend is unlikely to be covered, so shareholders may have to wait until 1987 for an increase. Against that background, the shares at 285p are ahead of the game.

General Accident

General Accident is further along the road to recovery than Commercial Union. Whereas CU is unlikely to increase its dividend significantly for another two years, General Accident announced a small increase yesterday for 1985.

The increased dividend was not totally covered by earnings, but the company felt it could justify an increase because of a good investment performance and good prospects in 1986.

Profits last year rose from £3.9 million to £26.5 million before tax and could top £120 million this year. This is because GA has already seen huge increases in premiums.

This is not enough to make underwriting profitable this year, but the improvement should be sufficient to lift the pretax total, which also takes in profits on life business and investment income.

At GA any increase in trading profits comes almost straight through to earnings, because its tax charge is traditionally low. Last year there was even a £10 million tax credit, and this year the charge should be no more than 12 per cent. This compares with CU's tax charge of 53 per cent.

With this sort of recovery in sight, overseas interest could well re-emerge, although Allianz has presumably satisfied its appetite by acquiring Cornhill. GA trades at a 12 per cent discount to stated net assets, which is not unusual among British composites. By contrast American companies tend to trade at premiums.

Even without takeover speculation, the whole sector is likely to continue to outperform the market, and GA should be in the lead.

BSR

Presiding over losses is nothing new for BSR's chairman, Bill Wyllie, the corporate rescuer who was brought in to save the company from bankruptcy in 1982.

The pretax loss of £5.9 million for 1985 was, if anything, worse than expected but optimistic statements about a surge in orders in the first half of 1986 set the shares alight, carrying them up 22p to 115p.

The rest of 1986 looks more problematic. Much of the order book consists of orders rescheduled by hard-pressed customers from 1985.

Nor does BSR have the market to itself. There is an increasing tendency for manufacturers to double-source its components and despite being the acknowledged market-leader at the low end of the power scale, it will need to work hard to gain market as it moves up the wattage scale.

Investors are pinning their hopes on new products. Cellular radio is already a highly competitive market but BSR is aiming to build its share. An entirely new concept is Electronic Billboards where the group appears to have new technology. Whether it takes off remains to be seen.

Most analysts appear to be upgrading their 1986 profit expectations. Wood Mackenzie's forecast of 7.5p per share puts the shares on a prospective multiple of 15. BSR may be off its knees but this rating discounts a lot of future growth.

Economist to join Salomon

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street investment house specializing in bond markets, has recruited a leading City economist for its London gilt-edged operation.

Mr Malcolm Roberts, chief economist at the stockbroker Laing & Cruickshank and director of research for the Alexanders/Laing & Cruickshank primary gilts dealership, will join Salomon Brothers this month. He has been with Laing & Cruickshank for nine years.

Salomon Brothers has declared its intention of establishing a major presence in the gilts market in London. Mr Roberts will become vice president of economics and gilts research and one of his tasks will be to build up a research team.

His departure is the latest in a series of moves by City economists and is a considerable blow for Laing & Cruickshank, which will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mr John Barkshire's Mercantile House. No signing on fee, or "golden hello," is involved.

In the US bond market, economists perform a central role for the primary government bond dealers. Wall Street's best-known economist, Dr Henry Kaufman, is with Salomon Brothers in New York.

Mr Roger Bootle, formerly chief economist with Capel-Cure Myers, will be joining Lloyds Bank's primary gilts dealer this month.

Mr Gavyn Davies and Mr David Morrison are taking the economics team from Simon & Coates to the American firm Goldman Sachs next month.

Merger talks

Raine Industries is in talks about a possible merger with a substantial private building and contracting company.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares touch new highs as leaders stay in demand

The stock market boom continued and share prices reached record levels again as measured by the FT 30-share index which crossed the 1,300 level at midday. The index closed at 1,301.3, a gain of exactly 20 points.

Leading equities again encountered the bulk of demand but there were still many good spots among secondary issues. ICI illustrated the market trend adding another 6p at 967p (after 972p) while P&O, ahead of results later this month and still drawing strength from very good option business, climbed 19p to 525p.

TI Group, where results areexpected today, was in demand at 453p, up 24p. Also expecting trading news soon and meeting support was BTR, 10p up at 443p. GKN improved 6p to 337p and United News was 10p better at 308p.

Gilts were around 3-8 higher at one stage, relinquishing the advantage at the end of the session.

The banking sector remained in the limelight, but profit-taking developed in the wake of Midland's results. Its shares closed 8p easier at 479p. Poor figures at first trimmed Commercial Union, but buyers soon came back at the lower levels, and the shares ended 10p up at 287p.

Satisfactory results put 5p on General Accident at 825p. Investment buying gave a 23p fillip to British Aerospace at 583p, while Cable and Wireless rose 11p to 678p in response to a recent circular.

Better-than-expected trading news gave a 17p lift to BSR at 110p, while the annual statement helped Blue Arrow to a 10p rise at 288p.

Merger talks put 8p on Raine at 49p, and Raybeck after the bid approach climbed 5 1-2p to 44p.

Elsewhere, speculative buying was directed to Pearson, 23p up at 496p, and Sears, which rose 3 1-2p to127 1-2p, and Siebe, 12p higher at 785p.

News that the Morgan Grenfell talks are off lowered Exco 15p to 219p. The Grovewood sale continued to benefit BAT, 19p higher at 375p, but Fisons ran into some profit-taking after Tuesday's good figures shedding 15p at 513p.

Oils staged a recovery under the lead of BP 8p higher at 528p. Kaffirs scored modest gains ranging from 10 cents to a dollar.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbott Mead V (180p)	225 dn 5	Lexicon (115p)	
Ashley (L) (135p)	240 up 8	Macro 4 (105p)	138 dn 2
Brookmount (160p)	180	Merivale Moore (115p)	125
Chart FL (88p)	90	Microsystems (127p)	140 up 2
Chancery Secs (63p)	71	Norank Sys (90p)	102 up 2
Cranswick M (95p)	110 up 1	Really Useful (330p)	363 dn 2
Davidson P (160p)	163 dn 2	SAC Intl (100p)	131 up 1
Dialene (128p)	170	SPP (125p)	157
Ferguson (J) (10p)	24 up 1	Templeton (215p)	220
Granyte Surface (56p)	71	Sigmex (101p)	86
Inoco (55p)	49 dn 1	Snowdon & B (97p)	112
JS Pathology (160p)	265 up 2	Spice (80p)	93
Klearfold (118p)	116	Tech Comp (130p)	214
		Underwoods (180p)	182 dn 2
		Wellcome (120p)	182 up 1
		W York Hosp (90p)	80
		Wickes (140p)	150 up 3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cray Elec F/P	296
Hartwells N/P	3/4
Peel Hldgs F/P	475
Porter Chad F/P	4
Safeway UK	£44 1/2 up 1/4
Stormguard F/P	21 1/2 up 1 1/2
Wates N/P	24
Westland N/P	15 up 2

(Issue price in brackets).

Burton 'now second only to M&S'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Burton Group's share of the menswear and womenswear markets is now second only to that of Marks and Spencer, and growing rapidly as other innovative chains like Next also penetrate these markets.

This has placed Marks and Spencer, the clear market leader, under pressure although a slip in market share last year is likely to be followed by another increase this year.

These are estimates from a report* by Verdict, the retail trade analyst, which suggests that Marks and Spencer lost half a percentage point of market share last year. That represents about £55 million.

M&S was likely to push itsmarket share from last year's 15 per cent to 16 per cent this year, Verdict says.

Burton Group has 8.5 per cent of the menswear market and 4.6 per cent of womenswear.

In both the men's and women's markets, C&A — like Chelsea Girl still a private company — is running at number three, with 4.8 per cent market share in menswear and 3.8 per cent in womenswear. British Home Stores and Littlewoods are both in the top six in each market.

*Verdict on Clothing and Footwear Retailers, Verdict Research, 54 Britton Street, London EC1M 5NA.

Bids cleared

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has decided not to refer five proposed mergers or acquisitions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. They are Irving International Financing Corporation's takeover of Smith St Aubyn (Holdings); Rodamco Properties' takeover of Haslemere Estates; Security Pacific's purchase of the remaining 70.1 per cent of Hoare Govett; Barclays Bank's purchase of an additional 45.1 per cent stake in Wedd, Durlacher, Mordaunt and Co; and Barclays's purchase of an additional 70 per cent stake in de Zoete and Bevan.

There will also be no referral of the proposed establishment of a joint venture company by Cadbury Schweppes and the Coca-Cola Co.

BTP wins

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Life offices sued over premiums

By Lawrence Lever

Further details are emerging of lawsuits being brought against leading life offices over the disappearance of pension and life assurance money paid to an insurance intermediary now in liquidation.

Life offices are resisting claims that hundreds of thousands of pounds were received by the intermediary acting as their agent.

Clerical Medical has confirmed that a £186,000 action has been brought against it as a result of missing payments. A company spokesman said: "The action has been brought by the trustees of a pension scheme who had a pensions contract with us. They are asking for a declaration that certain moneys paid to this broker are held by us for them."

The company would be defending the action. "The law on this point is quite clear," the spokesman said. "The intermediary acts as agent for the assured even though he is paid commission by the insurance broker"

The spokesman declined to confirm that Clerical Medical had a formal agency agreement with the broker.

A separate case, involving the same broker, who, for legal reasons, cannot be named, is being brought against Friends Provident.

The Quakers Life Office is being sued for about £25,000. A BMW dealer, who set up a pension scheme for himself, his wife and son, alleges this sum was paid to the broker.

The life office says it has never received it and, in any event, is raising the same defence as Clerical Medical — that the broker was not its agent.

"The broker recommended Friends Provident," the BMW dealer said. "We put £100,000 into the pension scheme over the years, but Friends Provident says it has received only £75,000."

Friends Provident said it was defending the claim through solicitors in London.

Another life office involved in the missing money saga is Equity & Law. One of its policyholders, who was funding a pensions policy through the intermediary, said: "I am 60 years old and started paying £2,000 a year in 1980. I've been told that the payment for 1983 has gone missing.

£27m deal

National Starch and Chemical Corporation, a member of the Unilever Group, is to buy a corn-milling plant at Hamburg, West Germany, from a subsidiary of CPC International for DM60 million (£27.3 million). National Starch will make a substantial additional investment there for the production of specialty starches.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Mortgage Rates

The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 17 March 1986 its Endowment Mortgage Rate will be reduced from 13·25% to 12·75% per annum. House Mortgage Rate remains unchanged at 12·75% per annum.

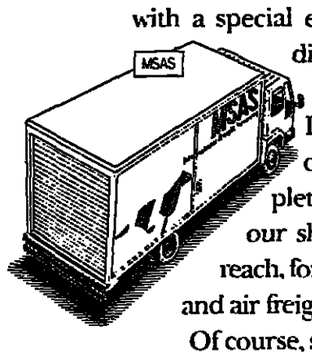
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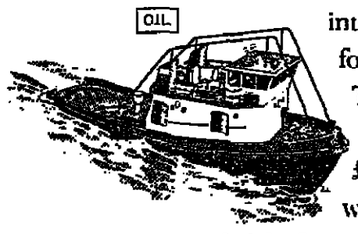
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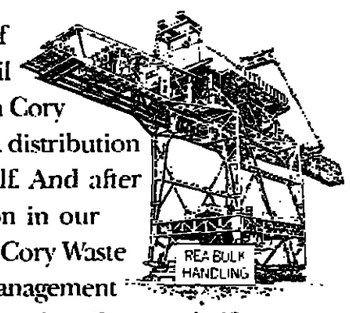
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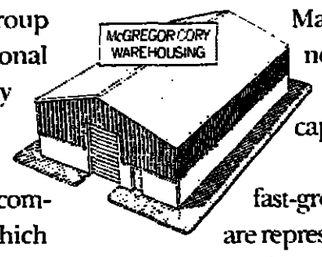


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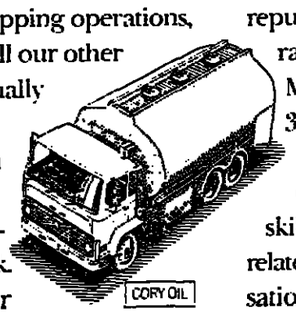
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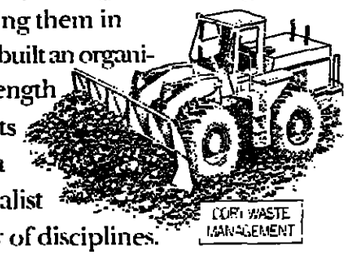
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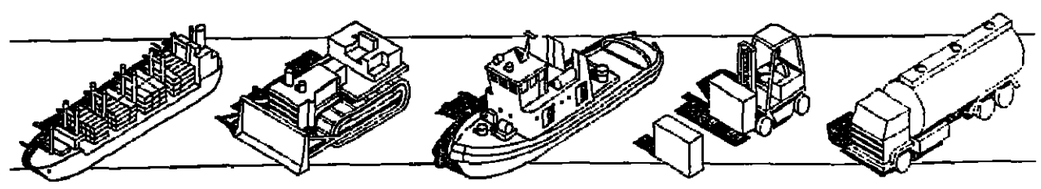


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33	Argyll	
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BREWERIES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
306	153	Allied-Lyons	306	+11	11.6	3.8	10.0
763	471	Bass	693	+8	21.0	3.0	14.7
61	36	Belhaven	45	..	1.1	2.4	24.9
190	88	Boddingtons	98	-1	4.2	4.3	14.2
573	268	Brown (Matthew)	415	..	20.0	4.8	15.3
183	118	Bullmer (H P)	167	..	7.0	4.2	17.5
500	405	Burtonwood Brew	495	..	14.3	2.9	11.6
485	225	Clark (Matthew)	485	..	10.7	2.2	18.8
365	317	Devenish (J A)	815	+4	18.6	2.3	23.9
838	778	Distillers	832	+4	22.9	3.6	12.9
186	159	Greenall Whitley	174	+1	7.9	4.5	12.4
264	146	Greene King	205	..	7.2	3.5	14.5
388	292	Guinness	388	+1	10.5	2.6	16.6
464	324	Hardys & Hansons	464	+7	24.1	5.2	12.0
85	59	Highland Dist	75	+1	2.9	3.7	15.2
177	124	Invergordon Dist	166	..	6.1	3.6	11.7
273	192	Irish Dist	273	+10	9.0	3.2	..
99	57	Marston Thompson	97	..	2.5	2.5	15.7
239	179	Morland	227	..	9.1	3.6	13.1
208	166	SA Breweries	208	-8	..	..	..
198	168	Scot & New	197	..	10.0	5.1	13.4
40½	27½	Seagram	33½	-½	41.1	1.2	..
410	256	Vaux	370	..	15.6	4.3	14.3
280	184	Whitbread 'A'	265	..	10.2	3.8	13.5
278	185	Whitbread 'B'	265	+5	10.2	3.8	13.5
236	165	Wolverhampton & D	215	..	9.9	4.6	37.4
455	270	Wolverhmptn & D	455	+2	12.2	2.7	16.6
245	185	Young 'A'	205	..	9.4	4.6	16.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
246	172	Aberdeen Constr	246	..	10.5	4.3	15.4
280	213	Amec	252	+7	16.7	6.2	9.0
60	28	Arnclife	56	..	0.1n	0.2	6.9
153	78	Ashtead	153	+1	3.4	2.2	13.1
421	308	BPB Industries	421	+5	11.9	2.8	18.8
347	204	Baggeridge Brick	347	+6	9.8	2.8	12.5
152	64	Barratt Devs	144	+2	10.9	7.6	4.8
34	19	Bailey(Benj) Constr	34	..	0.4	1.2	..
164	113	Bellway	164	+6	10.0	6.1	10.5
71	56	Benford Concrete	69	..	5.4	7.8	38.3
87	51	Bett Bros	87	..	4.4	6.6	18.9
555	545	Blackwood	553	..	22.7	12.6	6.7
468	456	Blue Circle	461	+11	28.5	4.5	8.3
251	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	251	..	13.6	5.2	37.4
91	39	Brickhouse Duclay	91	..	4.9	5.4	15.4
80	58	Br Dredging	80	..	3.6	5.4	10.0
24	16	Bryant & Jackson	24	..	..	..	16.8
83	55	Brownlee	67	+1	4.4	6.6	7.5
98	64	Bryant	96	+1	4.7	4.8	12.4
190	115	Burnett & Hallam	190	+1	5.7	3.0	21.1
155	145	Cardiff Road Rolley	150	..	4.4	2.9	25.0
110	50	Cement-Roadstone	110	+1	4.0	3.6	..
70	42	Conder Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	28.1
538	336	Costain	530	+6	22.1	4.1	10.3
344	251	Countryside	344	+10	9.2	2.4	9.3
154	84	Crouch (Derek)	154	..	8.5	5.5	10.4
116	60	Dew (George)	96	..	8.6	9.0	13.5
95	45	Douglas (RM)	85	..	2.5r	2.9	15.1
72	58	Eroh	72	..	4.2	5.8	11.5
113	91	Fab	91	..	4.2	4.6	12.4
82	56	Do 'A'	70	..	4.2	6.0	9.5
96	63	Finlan Gp	65	..	5.4	8.3	28.4
84	62	Galliford	84	+1	5.1	6.1	7.2
116	103	Gibbs & Dandy Dra	106	..	23	2.2	35.9
294	204	Gleeson (M J)	294	..	7.7	2.6	10.2
219	89	HAT	100	+2	5.4	5.4	10.4
142	34	Hadcal Bar	140	+41	29.1	n	4.8
55	34	Hawden-Stuart	52	..	2.3	4.4	10.5
114	84	Heywood Williams	103	+9	8.9	4.9	10.7
513	281	Higgs & Hill	513	..	18.3	3.6	13.9
139	109	Hilstock Johnson	127	..	5.1	4.0	13.0
238	208	James (J) & Sons	235	..	25.0	8.8	9.8
355	199	Laing (J)	355	+1	8.9	2.5	11.3
348	196	Do 'A'	345	+1	8.9	2.6	11.0
99	67	Lawrence (Walter)	95	..	5.2r	5.5	7.0
79	58	Lilley (FJC)	77	..	3.3	4.3	9.9
350	196	Lovell (Y J)	350	+2	10.0	2.9	12.4
160	104	Magnet & South	144	+4	6.7	4.7	14.9
206	161	Manders	206	..	10.9	5.3	13.0
168	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	168	..	7.1	4.2	13.7
112	74	May & Hassell	112	+4	5.4n	4.8	..
386	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	386	+10	17.9	4.6	11.1
202	112	Meyer Int	202	+6	7.7	3.8	11.1
24	14	Miller (Stanley)	23	..	0.7	3.0	..
134	105	Monk (A)	128	+1	9.3	7.3	17.3
378	198	Mowlem (John)	378	+2	18.6	5.2	25.5
880	600	Newarthill	880	..	15.7	1.8	18.2
201	143	Nottingham Brick	183	-3	9.3	4.9	14.4
144	96	Pennington	144	+1	4.6	3.2	16.5
150	86	Phoenix Timber	132	..	4.3	4.2	3.8
265	180	Pochins	260	..	18.4	4.8	8.4
534	342	RMC	534	+4	18.9	3.5	11.9
416	266	Redland	416	+5	15.3	3.7	15.3
177	93	Rogers Ballard	156	+5	8.6	5.4	13.3
125	85	Ruberoid	120	..	11.1	4.8	12.2
166	118	Rugby Cement	160	..	8.9	5.5	11.8
273	192	SGB	269	+1	10.7	4.0	10.2
97	62	Sharpe & Fisher	91	..	3.2	3.5	14.2
79	53	Smart (J)	73	..	6.2	8.5	15.5
420	327	Tarmac	420	+8	11.7	2.8	17.3
558	368	Taylor Woodrow	558	+2	21.1	3.8	14.2
134	104	Tilbury Group	149	..	7.0	4.7	12.8
365	225	Travis & Arnold	365	..	11.3	3.1	13.0
107	79	Trant	79	-1	1.6	2.0	8.5
342	143	Turriff	158	..	10.0	6.3	10.4
251	135	Wimpey	251	+3	13.4	5.3	11.0
286	128	Ward	280	..	10.4	4.0	14.7
101½	51	Warrington (T)	86	..	5.7n	6.6	7.6
230	173	Watts Blake	200	..	6.0	3.0	16.1
80	62	Western Bros	80	..	2.1	2.6	16.0
95	58	Wiggins	94	..	..	..	..
354	172	Wilson (Connolly)	354	+2	4.5	1.3	17.4
170	97	Wimpey (George)	160	..	4.6	2.9	15.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
44½	23½	AKZO N/V Bearer	44½	+½	400	9.0	..
256	121	Allied Colloids	175	+2	3.3	1.9	18.3
383	273	Amersham	368	+7	8.9	2.4	17.9
200	160	Anchor Chemical	200	..	6.7	3.4	8.9
130	78	BTR	129	..	5.7	4.4	18.7
104	51½	Bayer DM50	£102¾	-½	7.00	6.8	..
128	100	Blagden	108	-6	10.3	9.5	8.1
134	104	Brent Chems	133	+1	5.1	3.8	17.8
79½	9½	Br Benzol	77½	..	..	..	86.1
107	79	Canning (W)	101	..	5.1	5.0	14.9
276	224	Coalite	272	+4	9.5	3.5	14.2
166	131	Cosser Bros	146	+2	5.6	4.5	8.8
168	112	Do 'A'	146	+2	5.6	4.5	8.8
35	14	Cory (Horace)	16	..	0.7	4.4	5.4
151	116	Croda	149	+7	10.0	6.7	15.4
116	62	Do Dfd	116	+6	..	..	12.0
227	168	Ellis & Everard	196	..	8.8	4.5	17.0
278	175	Fosseco-Minsep	270	+3	11.9	4.3	10.2
466	366	Halstead (James)	130	-2	5.7	4.4	10.1
498	318	Hickson	383	+3	21.4	5.6	8.7
1011½	51	Hoechst DM50	£995½	+½	..	..	..
972	630	Hong Kong Chem Ind	964	+7	47.1	4.9	11.2
395	278	Laporte	386	+16	10.5	2.7	19.5
121	84	Leigh	108	..	4.7	4.3	17.2
188	141	Pilkington	185	+1	3.8	2.1	18.9
82	72	Rebrook Hldgs	80	+1	3.0	3.8	12.5
182	126	Rentokil	158	+2	3.2	2.0	21.5
312	94	SNIA BPD	312	+6	..	..	..
328	182	Wolsiamholme Rink	208	..	11.1	5.5	9.4
112	36	Yorkshire Chem	112	+2	4.3	3.8	10.7

CINEMAS AND TV

205	120	Anglia TV 'A'	205	..	12.9	6.3	14.4
64	26	Grampian	36	..	2.4	6.7	8.1
195	115	HTV N/V	188	..	11.0	5.1	8.2
201	118	LWT Hldgs	200	+3	20.0	7.0	11.4
266	128	Scot TV 'A'	262	..	12.7	4.8	10.6
186	110	TVS N/V	175	..	11.4	6.5	8.4
38	23	TSW	38	..	2.4	6.3	10.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	92	-2	3.3	3.6	34.7
400	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	91	..	3.0	3.3	14.8
153	50	Bentalls	150	..	3.1	2.1	30.5
56	9	Blacks Leis	14	..	..	..	..
86	46	Bremner	58	..	1.4	2.4	42.5
777	553	Brown (N)	553	..	13.8	2.5	20.0
317	204	Burtons	266	..	6.3	2.4	13.1
122	63	Cerruto 'A'	122	..	3.2	2.6	31.4
54	38	Casket (S)	44	-1	3.1	7.0	8.5
365	224	Church	349	..	20.0	5.7	10.4
186	87	Combined English	184	+2	7.7	4.2	25.7
186	85	Courts (Furn) 'A'	128	+2	6.7	5.2	10.8
93	67½	Dewhirst (J)	89	-1	3.4	3.8	21.0
304	131	Dixons Grp	296	+4	22.3	7.5	33.3
423	371	Dunhill	418	+5	8.1	1.9	21.1
81	56½	Ellis & Goldston	78	+1½	3.3	4.3	10.4
565	380	Elys (Wimpledon)	565	..	17.0	3.0	23.4
178	92	Empire Stores	166	..	3.6	2.2	29.4
230	130	Etam	226	..	4.6	2.0	24.4
398	257	Executive Clothes	90	..	..	..	14.9
132	72	Fine Art Dev	132	..	4.7	3.6	22.1
135	101	Ford (Martin)	135	..	..	..	..
186	143	Formester	186	..	8.6	4.6	9.5
212	162	Fosseys	212	..	9.5	4.5	22.1
118	79½	Galter (AJ)	102	..	7.6	7.5	8.8
154	60	Gent SR	66	..	2.9	4.4	38.8
125	43	Goldberg (A)	125	+1	2.9	2.3	27.6
227	155	Goldsmiths Grp	227	..	10.7	5.7	10.2
394	152	Grattan	394	..	3.7	1.4	25.2
13½	5½	GUS	211½	-½	28.0	2.3	18.6
827	674	Do 'A'	820½	..	28.0	3.0	17.4
258	168	Harris Queensway	236	..	5.8	2.5	21.8
292	232	Helene Of London	277	..	2.3	0.8	9.5
387	211	Holdas	387	..	3.0	0.1	15.4
368	240	House Charm	321	..	4.2	1.3	22.4
128	93	House Of Lerose	121	..	11.4	9.4	11.4
93	77½	Jones (Ernest)	84	..	5.8	6.9	18.1
134	131	Ladies Pride	128	+3	11	3.9	20.7
21	14	LCP	20	..	0.9	4.4	21.0
151	116	Lee Cooper	148	..	10.3	2.7	9.3
162	62	Do Dfd	116	+6	..	..	12.0
227	168	Lincroft Kilgour	196	..	8.8	4.5	17.0
195	111	Marks & Spencer	191	+1	5.1	2.7	27.4
336	216	Menzies (John)	311	..	5.1	1.6	18.2
195	116	Mileeds Leisure	185	..	2.9	1.6	49.6
168	144	Moss Bros	144	..	7.4	5.1	12.4
150	94	NSS Newsagents	135	..	5.1	3.8	14.2
244	154	Next	243	..	5.4	2.2	28.0
1011½	51	Neckermann	995½	+½	..	..	..
972	630	Hong Kong Chem Ind	964	+7	47.1	4.9	11.2
395	278	Laporte	386	+16	10.5	2.7	19.5
121	84	Leigh	108	..	4.7	4.3	17.2
188	141	Pilkington	185	+1	3.8	2.1	18.9
82	72	Rebrook Hldgs	80	+1	3.0	3.8	12.5
182	126	Rentokil	158	+2	3.2	2.0	21.5
312	94	SNIA BPD	312	+6	..	..	..
328	182	Wolsiamholme Rink	208	..	11.1	5.5	9.4
112	36	Yorkshire Chem	112	+2	4.3	3.8	10.7

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
537	175	AB Elec	310	-3	11.4	3.7	23.1
398	93	Ampstrad	382	+2	1.6	0.4	29.7
285	49	Apricot Computers	94	+2	2.1	2.5	6.8
90	28	Arlen	83	..	..	..	..
303	185	Atomic Comp	265	+5	2.4	0.9	14.7
60	26	Audio Fidelity	51	..	..	..	16.3
200	139	Auto Sec	170	..	1.9	1.1	13.3
310	185	BICC	308	+8	15.1	4.9	12.6
226	128	Do 7½% CPF	181	..	17	0.7	20.2
270	193	Comcap	260	..	4.6	1.7	23.3
295	200	Cray Elect	295	..	4.6	1.5	33.6
248	98	Crystalate	203	..	3.9	1.9	12.3
85	61	Data Elect	77	-2	5.4n	8.2	25.5
168	97	Datasery	160	..	10	0.6	..
37	14	Dewhurst 'A'	33	+1	1.5	4.5	7.4
350	245	Domino	350	..	21.1	6.0	23.6
46	31	Dowding & Mills	43	..	2.0	4.7	13.7
288	234	Dubilier	286	+6	9.0	3.2	14.5
468	265	Electrocomponents	436	..	17.1	3.9	26.7
66	36	Electronic Mach	65	..	1.6	1.5	89.6
385	259	Electronic Rentals	353	+4	8.6	2.4	20.8
278	156	Emess Lighting	273	..	7.9	2.9	29.4
308	258	Europhens	308	+20	5.8	1.9	19.7
238	138	Fernell Elect	238	..	2.9	1.2	25.8
184	104	Ferranti	150	+6	2.3	1.5	20.7
283	99	First Castle Elec	203	..	3.6	1.7	17.4
40	28	Forward-Tech	38	..	7.1	18.7	..
220	150	GEC	210	+4	8.5	2.9	14.3
184	94	Grosvenor	174	..	8.2	8.4	6.2
139	78	Highland Elect	136	..	3.6	3.6	12.8
163	130	Hilt	160	..	1.7	1.1	22.0
353	243	Im Signal & Control	345	+7	1.0	0.3	..
200	136	Jones Stroud	163	+10	10.7	5.5	9.1
215	65	Kode	125	..	7.1	5.7	10.7
341	218	Lec Refrigeration	290	..	17.9	6.2	8.0
388	98	Logica	169	+5	1.4	0.8	18.5
335	220	MK Elec	318	+7	14.6	4.6	10.4
235	235	Memec	400	..	3.6	0.9	27.4
34	34	Micro BS	68	..	2.5	3.7	10.7
170	100	Micro Focus	170	-5	..	..	..
98	33	Multisonic Elec	93	..	..	4.0n	7.5
98	58	Murray Elect	90	..	3.0	3.2	10.7
45	15	Newmen	31	+1	1.1	3.5	9.0
283	170	Newmark (Louis)	280	+10	19.3	7.4	11.8
103½	76½	NEI	100	-1	7.5	7.5	16.8
172	72	Oakman Inv	172	..	4.3	2.5	13.3
478	238	Oxford Instruments	478	+5	2.0	0.4	25.7
44	24	Pheonix	36	..	1.6	4.2	7.2
164½	95½	Philips Fin 5½%	£143	..	..	..	..
17½	10½	Philips Lamps N/V	17½	+½	..	..	..
255	115	Pitlo	195	..	7.5	3.9	10.6
180	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	145	..	7.5	5.2	7.9
214	114	Plessey	214	+4	8.8	3.1	17.1
22½	13½	Do ADR 25	22½	-½	..	..	..
196	65	Pressac	150	-1	3.1	2.1	21.9
80	22	Quest Automation	27	-1	..	..	12.9
288	120	Racal Elect	194	..	4.3	2.2	12.4
190	132	Redifon	183	-5	4.3	2.3	22.4
503	362	Scholes (GH)	503	..	28.8	5.7	11.3
86	71	Shorrock	78	..	2.1	2.7	16.8
140	21	Sound Diffusion	40½	+½	0.6	1.5	7.8
289	72	Stern	116	-2	6.0	..	..
197	137	Stone Ind	195	..	8.5	4.4	11.5
119	74	System Designers	112	..	0.8	0.5	41.2
215½	107½	TDK	215	+½	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	195	..	10.0	5.1	14.3
400	88	Telemetrix	400	+2	2.5	2.7	5.2
484	301	Thorn Elec	467	+13	25.0	5.4	15.7
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	185	..	5.8	3.0	9.2
185	168	Tunstall Telecom	185	..	5.8	3.2	24.6
378	178	UEI	288	+2	7.5	2.6	24.0
373	178	Unitech	288	+2	8.5	3.0	13.9
350	236	Utd Leasing	251	..	5.3	2.1	8.9
243	198	Utd Scientific	198	+2	9.8	4.9	13.7
388	244	VG Instruments	388	+12	27.7	7.1	33.6
255	123	Volex	255	+2	11.4	4.5	10.6
85	40	Western Selection	80	..	3.9	6.5	14.1
303	58	Wheelwrth Elec	280	..	2.2	2.4	13.8
235	220	Wholesale Fitting	226	..	9.9	4.2	12.0

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	237	+1	1.8	0.8	..
193	126	Allden Hume	169	-5	11.0	6.5	7.1
350	200	Anglogasco	350	..	20.0	5.7	5.8
151	70	Barkley Tech	141	..	..	..	..
176	113	Camellia	124	..	15.7	0.7	..
218	159	Candover	198	..	2.9	1.5	58.8
36	10	Centrenway	26	..	..	..	..
209½	161	Equity & Gen	198	..	1.3	0.7	87
253	120	Hambro	238	..	10.4	4.4	34.1
193	91	Ivory & Sime	158	..	6.1	3.7	29.0
173	114	Mayside	172	+1	8.9	5.2	24.6
47	37	Nat Home Loans	40	..	..	..	..
48½	38	Do 8%	42	..	800	19.0	..

FOODS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	126	ASDA-MFI	148	-2	4.1	2.8	18.9
27	18	Alpine Drinks	22	..	2.6	11.8	..
375	253	Apetit	340	+5	11.1n	3.2	16.7
204	164	Ass Fd Food	200	+2	8.0	2.8	17.8
194	150	Assoc Fisheries	178	+2	4.6	2.5	35.1
559	444	Avana	536	-5	16.8	3.0	17.4
260	195	Banks (Sidney C)	248	..	14.5	5.9	7.3
15½	6	Barker & Dobson	15½	+½	..	..	24.6
318	183	Bell (A)	318	+3	12.1	3.8	10.7
206	133	Bassett Foods	185	+4	9.7	5.2	10.7
128	65½	Bellays	98	..	3.0	3.1	11.6
195	140	Bejam	178	+1	9.4	3.0	21.3
93	80	Blaigrd Cont	90	+1	7.4	2.8	25.6
377	37½	Br Vending (BV)	71	..	4.3	4.2	3.8
191	131	Cadbury-Schweppes	166	..	8.4	5.1	11.2
190	106	Cairns Aalling	178	+5	8.6	4.9	9.7
180	130	Chiltern Dairies	180	..	9.6	5.3	10.0
115	85	Do 'A'	180	..	9.6	5.1	14.2
285	225	Cullens	285	..	..	..	22.5
285	149	Dee	273	+3	9.7	3.6	28.1
171	94	Fisher (Albert)	170	+3	7.4	4.4	10.7
318	193	Fitch Lovell	318	+5	14.5	4.6	22.9
313	232	Glass Glover	246	..	5.6	2.3	16.0
248	168	Hazlewood Foods	209	+15	17.4	7.4	28.8
238	160	Hillards	190	-1	4.4	2.3	16.7
225	145	Hunnerton Hldgs	175	+2	5.3	3.0	28.0
83	52	Home Farm	80	..	4.5	5.6	8.2
612	388	Iceland Frozen	584	..	8.6	1.5	28.2
354	176	Kwik Save	354	+2	8.9	2.6	19.3
195	147½	Lobb (John J)	193	..	9.5	4.9	13.4
110	47	Lovell (CF)	98	..	4.3	5.4	9.0
636	496	Low (Wm)	595	..	17.1	2.9	18.8
600	254	Matthews (Bernard)	595	-10	11.1	1.9	27.6
113	76½	Meat Trade Supp	110	+5	7.5	6.8	10.7
194	94	Morrison (W)	180	..	1.7	0.9	27.1
270	197	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	240	..	7.9	3.3	18.0
83	57½	Normans	77½	..	2.6	3.4	17.1
304	204	Nthn Foods	290	+4	10.4	3.6	15.6
170	130	Nurdin & Peacock	164	+4	5.2	3.2

US checks loans system

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The US Congress has launched an urgent investigation into the health of America's 3,200 savings and loan institutions which have been badly bruised by failing loans and deposit runs.

Both the US Senate and House banking committees are trying to determine whether the Federal insurance system is adequate.

Congressional officials will also examine the resources available to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Industry analysts estimate that up to one third of the 3,200 savings associations are in danger of going under.

Join EMS now, says independent group

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

Britain should target its exchange rate, and preferably now become a full member of the European Monetary System at an exchange rate of about three marks to the pound, according to an inquiry report by an independent group of bankers, industrialists and academics yesterday.

This is the conclusion of the majority of a committee set up by the Public Policy Centre, chaired by Lord Croham, chairman of Guinness Peat and formerly Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

However, three members of the committee, while agreeing that the Government should declare an exchange rate target, believe that this should be based on "zones" set by the Government, independently of the EMS.

The committee included Professor John Williamson, Senior Fellow of the Institute of International Economics in Washington, who has made detailed calculations of a "fundamental equilibrium exchange rate" for the pound.

This suggests that sterling is still overvalued. According to the committee, a figure of about 70 on sterling's trade-weighted index would be appropriate, about 5½ per cent below present levels.

Since the collapse of fixed exchange rates in the early 1970s, the committee believes that the system has been characterized by substantial currency misalignments and a lack of discipline on national overspending and of incentives to co-ordinate policies.

Its report, however, points out that West Germany — "a country which has pursued both monetary targets and relative exchange rate stability" — has suffered milder swings in competitiveness than either the United States or Britain.

The three minority members argue that the Government should declare its own independent exchange rate target to leave itself free to adopt a "flexible and pragmatic approach" in the early stages of the move towards an active exchange rate policy. But the majority believes that a commitment to a "functioning and successful mechanism" like the EMS has greater credibility, which would lead to a "much quicker build-up of market confidence".

The majority favours entering the EMS with wide fluctuation margins for the pound (allowing it to move by 6 per cent either side of a central rate, as for the lira), at least for an initial period.

Instead of waiting for the pound to fall to a lower, more suitable level for entry, the committee "on balance" favours immediate entry, but with margins around a "central rate" rather lower than present market rates.

The committee is to publish a fuller report in May, but it decided to present its principal conclusions in advance of the Budget decisions on money and exchange rate policy.

APPOINTMENTS

Protech International (UK): Mr Ian Bacon and Mr Jeremy Burchell have become managing directors.

Wrightson Wood: Dr Colin Wall has been made a director.

Kleinwort Benson: Mr Callum McCarthy and Mr Graham Pimlott have been named as directors.

Ocean Transport and Trading: Mr Peter Izod Marshall has become a non-executive director.

Norman, Broadbent International: Mr T G Parry Rogers has been named as a non-executive director.

Dobson Park Industries: Mr H Poulson has become technical director. Mr E C Townsend is to be financial director, replacing Mr G H Edwards, who is to be a non-executive director.



Alan Hutt, above, has been appointed as director of legal services for Honeywell.

British Steam Specialties: Mr Roy D Thompson has become an executive director.

Gartmore: Mr Jeremy Soames has joined the board.

Bestobell: Mr Roy Thomas has been named as a non-executive director.

ARC: Mr John Draper has become managing director, south eastern region.

Price Waterhouse: Mr R J (Tom) Walls has become director, public sector services.

COMPANY NEWS

● **HIGHLAND ELECTRONICS:** Interim dividend 5 per cent (same) for the six months to Oct. 31, 1985. Turnover £6.36 million (£5.68 million). Pretax profit £513,456 (£502,775). Earnings per share 3.58p (3.17p).

● **YELVERTON INVESTMENTS:** No dividend for the year to Oct. 31, 1985. Pretax profit £24,000 (loss £143,000). Earnings per share 0.5p (loss 0.8p). Net assets per share 34p (24p).

● **CRUSTS:** Interim dividend 0.35p for the six months to Dec. 29, 1985. Turnover £2.12 million (£752,000). Pretax profit £267,000 (£95,000). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 5.67p (3.69p).

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	12½%
Adam & Company	12½%
BCCI	12½%
Citibank Savings†	12¼%
Consolidated Grds	12½%
Continential Trust	12½%
Co-operative Bank	12½%
C. Hoare & Co	12½%
Lloyds Bank	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Royal Bank of Scotland	12½%
TSB	12½%
Citibank NA	12½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1985

WORLDWIDE RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1985

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1985 will be published on 14th April 1986, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1985, with actual figures for 1984, are as follows:–

	1985 £M	1984 £M
Premium Income		
General Business	1,691.3	1,689.0
Long Term Business	205.0	189.9
	1,896.3	1,878.9
Profit and Loss Account		
Investment Income (see note)	256.7	266.2
Underwriting – General Business Result	(237.0)	(268.3)
Long Term Business Profits	8.8	7.7
	28.5	5.6
Less Interest on Loans	2.0	1.7
Profit before Taxation	26.5	3.9
Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	(10.0)	(8.1)
Profit after Taxation	36.5	12.0
Minority Interest and Preference Dividends	2.0	2.2
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	34.5	9.8
Earnings per Share	20.5p	5.9p
Dividend per Share	22.0p	20.0p
Net Assets per Share	940p	828p

Note – Investment Income which increased by 11.9% in original currencies excludes £11.5m (1984 £10.7m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

(before internal reinsurance)

	1985 Premium Income	1985 Underwriting Result	1985 Principal exchange rates used	1984 Premium Income	1984 Underwriting Result	1984 Principal exchange rates used
	£M	£M		£M	£M	
U.K.	582.0	(79.6)	–	505.0	(72.4)	–
U.S.A.	677.4	(96.6)	$1.45	752.6	(136.1)	$1.16
EEC other than UK	102.8	(15.1)	–	92.1	(16.3)	–
Canada	144.7	(32.1)	$2.02	157.9	(33.8)	$1.53
Australia	34.1	(5.4)	$2.12	43.2	(1.5)	$1.40
Others, including reinsurance	91.0	(8.7)	–	87.8	(5.4)	–
Marine and Aviation	59.3	0.5	–	50.4	(2.8)	–
	1,691.3	(237.0)		1,689.0	(268.3)	

Life Department

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our Long Term funds, which also recorded UK new business production as follows:

	1985 £M	1984 £M
New Life and Annuity Premiums		
Annual	25.7	28.9
Single	48.2	45.2

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1985

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 7th May 1986, a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 14.0p per share payable on or after 1st July 1986, to Shareholders on the register on 1st June 1986. The total dividend for the year of 22.0p per share (1984 – 20.0p per share) will cost £37.0m (1984 £33.6m).

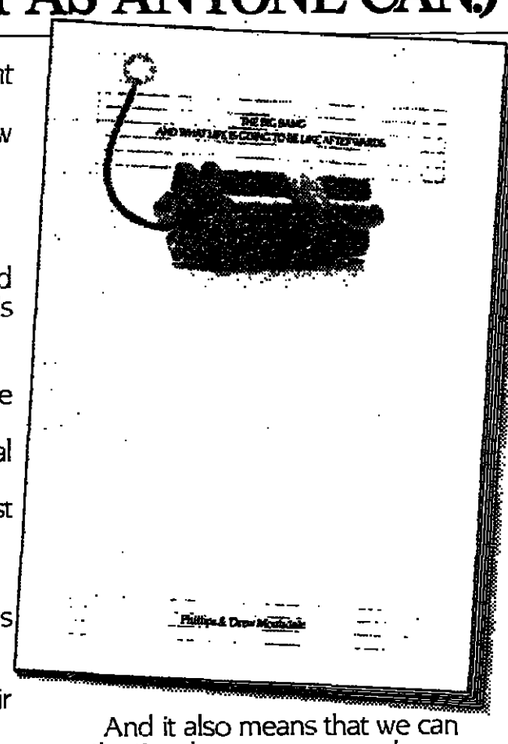
Net Assets

The net asset value of the group increased during the year by £188m to £1,580m.

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Commercial Union
12 MONTHS REVIEW
to 31 December 1985

"Current trading is improving and the Directors recommend a maintained dividend"

An unaudited operating profit of £.2m. before taxation and a special United States claims provision of £59m in respect of discontinued business, was earned for the year to 31 December 1985 (1984 loss £72.8m). The loss attributable to shareholders, after taxation and the special United States claims provision, was £30.5m (1984 loss £34.9m). Shareholders' funds amounted to £1,161m after the inclusion of a value of £90m for the Northern Non-Participation Life fund from which all profits accrue to shareholders. The Directors recommend a maintained final dividend.

Operations outside the United States produced an operating profit before taxation of £119.8m (1984 £74.1m), while a loss of £119.6m, before taxation and the special provision, was sustained in the United States (1984 loss £146.9m).

In underlying terms non-life premium income showed a reduction of 6% and investment income of 1%. This was a consequence of the reduced level of our operations in the United States.

Life operations continued to grow and life profits increased to £80.3m.

In the United Kingdom, there was a sharp improvement in the operating profit before taxation. The result reflects the actions we have taken in underwriting and pricing which led to improved claims experience in most major classes, particularly for commercial business.

In the United States, following management changes in 1983, a major programme of corrective action was introduced and implemented. The objectives of this programme have now been achieved with the final action taken at the end of 1985.

A most important element of the programme, now completed, was a review of claims practices to establish confidence in the adequacy of claims provisions. In 1984 a more conservative approach than that used previously was established, and in 1985 we were also able to benefit from external actuarial advice. In 1985 the underwriting result included the effect of strengthening prior years' claims provisions by £139m ($200m), of which £42m ($60m) was contributed by the exceptional surplus release from our United States pension fund.

In addition, as protection against further adverse development in respect of prior years' claims for the discontinued Special Underwriting Group business, reinsurance protection of £139m ($200m) has been given to our United States subsidiary. This has cost our London operations £59m ($85m), which has been charged as a special provision, and has been used to purchase securities, with a face value of £139m ($200m), having maturity dates in the 1990's and later, when any claims materialising could be expected to be paid.

The Board believes, based upon our internal analysis, complemented by the external advice we have received, that realistic provision has been made for all outstanding claims in the United States.

We expect a significant improvement in profitability in the United States this year as further substantial rate increases have been achieved, 30% in commercial lines and 8% in personal lines in 1985. Excluding the adverse impact of prior years' claims strengthening, 1985 showed a considerable improvement over 1984 and this, together with the expectation of continued rate increases, gives a high level of confidence to our outlook for 1986.

In the Netherlands, Canada and Rest of the World, despite the effect of competitive pressures on trading conditions, satisfactory operating profits were achieved.

The stability provided by life profits, the continued financial strength of the Company and the improving trends in the United Kingdom, United States and Canada are all most encouraging. However, at this stage, the Directors consider it appropriate to do no more than maintain an unchanged final dividend and accordingly recommend a final dividend of 6.950p per share payable on 16 May 1986. Together with the interim dividend of 4.850p this gives a total dividend of 11.800p (1984 11.800p) per share. These dividends, including preference dividends for 1985, amount to £48.7m.

This announcement does not constitute full accounts for the year. Copies of the full accounts, which have not yet been reported upon by the Auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 20 March 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 14 April 1986.

	1985 £m	1984 £m
Premium income		
Life	552.8	495.6
Non-life	1,753.2	2,159.5
Total	2,306.0	2,655.1
Investment income net of loan interest	236.7	275.9
Underwriting result after exceptional item	(325.7)	(439.4)
Life profits	80.3	77.9
Associated companies' earnings	8.9	12.8
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation and special provision	.2	(72.8)
Special United States claims provision in respect of discontinued business	(59.0)	—
Operating loss before taxation but after special provision	(58.8)	(72.8)
Taxation and minorities	(31.6)	(15.5)
Operating loss after taxation, minorities and special provision	(90.4)	(88.3)
Realised investment gains	59.9	53.4
Loss attributable to shareholders	(30.5)	(34.9)
Earnings per share		
– Operating loss after taxation, minorities and special provision	(21.93p)	(21.44p)
– Loss attributable to shareholders	(7.40p)	(8.49p)
Shareholders' Funds	£1,161m	£1,073m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation and special provision	£m	£m
United Kingdom	71.5	12.4
United States	(119.6)	(146.9)
Netherlands	38.8	42.9
Canada	5.6	6.4
Rest of the World	3.9	10.4
	.2	(72.8)
Rates of Exchange		
United States	$1.44	$1.16
Netherlands	Fls4.00	Fls4.13
Canada	$2.01	$1.54

Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

Heywood to raise £7.8m by rights issue

Higher profits, a bigger dividend and plans for a £7.8 million rights issue are reported by Heywood Williams, a manufacturer of building materials at Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

The final dividend for 1985 is being raised from 3.8p to 4.33p, making a total of 6.75p, compared with 6p. Turnover expanded from £95.17 million to £102.1 million, while pretax profit on ordinary activities rose from £3.6 million to £5.52 million. Earnings per share climbed from 10.4p to 18.4p.

Planet Group and Birmingham Powder, acquired during 1985, have been treated as group members throughout last year; the figures for 1984 have been adjusted on the same basis.

Heywood is to raise about £7.8 million, after expenses, by the issue of up to 5.38 million new ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 150p each.

The board reports that current trading results are ahead of last year and it considers prospects both in Britain and the US to be favourable. It is confident that the results for 1986 will be "highly satisfactory."

COMPANY NEWS

● **WOODSIDE PETROLEUM:** Net loss for 1985, Aus $8.73 million (about £4.23 million), against a profit of Aus $4.27 million. No dividend (same).

● **SAVE AND PROSPER GOLD FUND:** Year to Jan. 31, 1986. No dividend. Dividends and deposit account interest £139,356 (£210,863), underwriting commission £4,479 (£5,107), making £143,835 (£215,970). Net revenue £21,652 (£87,736).

A half-time deficit is announced by William Sinclair Holdings, a plant breeder and seed specialist, at Boston, Lincolnshire. In the six months to Dec. 31, 1985, the company made a pretax loss of £129,000, against a profit of £31,000 last time. Turnover shrank from £10.64 million to £10.31 million. However, the interim dividend is being maintained at 1.65p, payable on April 3. The board explains that the first-half results never reflect the outcome for the full year.

● **NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Results for the year to Dec. 31, 1985, compared with the previous nine months. A final dividend of 2.5p (1.5p) is being paid on May 1, making 4p (3.5p). Gross revenue £3.29 million (£2.77 million). Pretax revenue £2.7 million (£2.35 million). The board is recommending the adoption of new articles of association.

● **TELEMETRIX:** Six months to Jan. 5, 1986. Interim dividend 0.6p (same). Turnover £8.02 million (£8.18 million). Pretax loss £688,000 (profit £1.85 million). Loss per share 2.8p (earnings 6p).

● **JOHNSON, MATTHEY:** The company has sold Eagle Transfers to Millden Signs. This transaction, which includes the sale of premises at Lichfield to the new Central Midlands Co-operative Society for use as its administrative headquarters, generates about £1 million for Johnson, Matthey.

● **CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr Michael Green, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year had started well. Profits before tax were significantly ahead of the first four months of last year. With cash balances exceeding £20 million and no debt, Carlton would continue to seek opportunities for further expansion.

● **F S RATCLIFFE:** Half-year to Oct. 31, 1985. Sales £1.14 million (£815,450). Pretax profit £1,770 (loss £57,922). Tax nil (nil). Earnings per share 0.22p (loss 7.29p).

● **FLEMING MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 2.35p, making 3.6p (3p) for the year to Jan. 31, 1986. Dividends and interest £10.46 million (£9.26 million). Pretax net revenue £8.35 million (£6.75 million). Earnings per share 3.87p (3.21p).

● **SANTOS:** Consolidated operating profit, before tax, for 1985 was Aus $240 million (£115 million), an increase of 122.3 per cent. Sales revenue Aus $506.5 million (Aus $287.5 million). Final dividend 11 cents (8 cents), making 20 cents (15 cents).

● **STOTHERT & PITT:** No interim dividend for the six months to Dec. 31, 1985. Turnover £12.33 million (£12.37 million). Pretax loss £1.42 million (loss £128,000). Loss per share 55.4p (5p). The board reports that the changes made between Sept. and Dec. last year will lead to a much improved situation during the second half of this year. Early results are encouraging, with improving order books in each of the four divisions.

● **TOPS ESTATES:** Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of the freehold shopping centre at Shepherds Bush, London, for £6.45 million in cash. The group plans to enclose the malls to create a fully weather-protected environment. The company intends to seek a full listing at the earliest opportunity.

● **SELECTV:** The company is reporting for the six months to Sept. 30, 1985. Turnover £214,000 (£48,000). Pretax loss £157,000 (£116,000). Tax nil (nil). Loss per share 1.41p (0.84p). The company is collaborating with a consortium, Cablevision Bedfordshire, with a view to applying for the franchise for South Bedfordshire.

● **COMALCO** (subsidiary of RTZ): Losses, before tax, Aus $18.33 million (about £9 million) for 1985, against a profit of Aus $90.38 million. Dividend, one cent a share, compared with four cents last time. Consolidated net losses, after income tax, Aus $69.13 million (profit Aus $20.36 million).

● **WILLIAM BEDFORD:** Dividend 4.5p (nil) for 1985. Turnover £2.9 million (£2.55 million). Pretax profit £938,151 (£650,686). Earnings per share 11.9p (8.6p). The board reports that to date in the current year, sales are holding their own. It believes that good prospects exist for a recovery in the European market in the last part of this year, based on the fall in oil prices and projected growth in the European economies.

Raybeck, the London clothing manufacturer and retailer, has been approached by a consortium of institutional investors and managers of Raybeck subsidiaries which may lead to an offer being made for the company. The directors advised shareholders to take no action about their shares until an announcement is made.

● **BROOKE TOOL ENGINEERING:** Mr Fane Vernon, the chairman, told the annual meeting that in the first four months of the current year the group had achieved a substantial increase in sales and operating profit was up by more than 35 per cent compared with the equivalent period last year.

● **BP CANADA:** The company has reduced its semi-annual dividend from 40 to 35 cents a share because of the current weakness and uncertainty about oil prices.

Price Waterhouse

Invitation for Offers to Purchase

Offers are invited to purchase the assets and operations of the Seleo Group, the marine interests of Pan-Electric Industries Limited based in Singapore, currently under liquidation.

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Councillors' delay in setting rate is wilful misconduct

Smith and Others v Skinner
Gladden and Others v McMahon

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Russell

[Judgment given March 5]

Lambeth and Liverpool councillors were guilty of wilful misconduct which caused loss or incurred deficiency when knowingly or with reckless indifference they, by their votes, caused their respective councils to act unlawfully by deferring, without a valid reason, the making of a rate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing appeals under section 20(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 by 32 councillors of Lambeth London Borough Council against the decision of the district auditor for Lambeth on September 6, 1985 certifying the sum of £126,947 to be due from the councillors both jointly and severally as being loss incurred or deficiency caused by their wilful misconduct and when dismissing appeals by 49 councillors of Liverpool City Council from the decision of the district auditor for Liverpool who had on September 6, 1985 certified the sum of £106,103 to be due from the councillors both jointly and severally as being loss incurred or deficiency caused by their wilful misconduct.

Mr Lionel Read, QC and Mr John Howell for the Lambeth councillors; Mr Patrick Clarkson for Lambeth Borough Council; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Miss Beverley Lang for the Liverpool councillors; Mr Charles Cross for Liverpool City Council; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the district auditors.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that by section 20(4) of the 1982 Act, a member of a local authority who was certified to have caused by his wilful misconduct a loss or deficiency exceeding £2,000 was also disqualified for being a member of a local authority for five years.

These appeals were therefore of great importance to all the appellants. They also raised issues of law relating to the conduct of local authorities and local councillors on some of which there was no authority binding the court.

A local authority's revenue expenditure was financed by income from three sources: (a) rates paid by the ratepayers; (b) grants of various kinds made by central government; and (c) rents for houses and other property leased by the authority, and charges for the supply of goods and services.

In relation to each appeal there were three questions for the court to decide: (1) Did the council act unlawfully in deferring the making of a lawful rate? If so - (2) Were the councillors, by voting in a way which resulted in the council acting unlawfully, guilty of wilful misconduct? If so - (3) Did the wilful misconduct of the councillors cause the loss or deficiency alleged by the auditor?

Issues 1 and 2 required consideration, in relation to each council, of the actions of the councillors and of their state of mind.

It was submitted that the auditors did not give to any of the councillors a fair or proper opportunity to answer some of the points upon which, according to the reasons given by the auditors, each based his decision; that accordingly both decisions were invalid and of no effect, and that the court ought so to declare and to quash them; and thus that the court ought not to give any decision on the issues arising on an appeal against a valid certificate.

His Lordship described the course the auditors adopted. When on September 6, 1985 the auditors issued their certificates, they were not obliged by statute to give at that stage any reason for their decisions but section 20(2)(6) of the 1982 Act required them, if asked by any person aggrieved, to state in writing the reasons for their decisions.

Anticipating such a request, each of them supplied a statement of reasons with his decision. In each case that statement was much more extensive and detailed than the notes given by each auditor on June 26, 1985.

Deciding whether the complaints that the auditors did not act fairly were justified required consideration of the role of an auditor acting under section 20 of the 1982 Act. It was an unusual one.

The auditor was first required, as part of his normal duty when conducting an audit, to investigate the way in which the local authority's financial affairs had been conducted.

The words in section 20(1) "where it appears to the auditor" then imposed on him the task of deciding, on the material before him, whether "a loss has been incurred or deficiency caused by the wilful misconduct of any person." At that stage he was acting in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Finally, on an appeal such as this, he was the respondent, and thus a protagonist, seeking to support the decision he had already made. In all those capacities he was required to act in the public interest.

Asher v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1974] Ch 208) was authority for the proposition that an issue as to the validity of an auditor's decision might be challenged by way of appeal under section 20(3), not that it could not be challenged in any other way. That challenge, of course, arose after the appeal had been heard and decided.

The decision therefore did not prevent the procedure of applying for judicial review and at the same time entering an appeal from being adopted, and if the same situation arose again, that was the course which should be followed.

The question was having regard to all the circumstances of the case, did each of the auditors give to the appellants a reasonable and fair notice of the case they had to meet, and a proper opportunity to make representations in response?

Each of the auditors did give to the councillors a fair and proper notice of the case they had to meet, and a proper opportunity to make representations in response. That ground of challenge in relation to each appeal therefore failed.

The decisions of the auditors of September 6, 1985 were both validly made. His Lordship turned to consider the substance of the appeals.

Having set out the history of events and the councillors' comments, his Lordship returned to the three issues which had to be decided in relation to each councillor.

Lambeth

A council had to make a rate in time to ensure that they began to receive their rate income as soon as was reasonably practicable, unless there was some valid reason for delaying the making of the rate.

In the circumstances of some councils, delay of more than a few days beyond April 1, would be *prima facie* unreasonable and therefore unlawful.

It was submitted on behalf of the councillors that although Lambeth was ratecapped and the council objected to the Rates Act 1984 as an improper restriction on their powers, they did not in fact wish to make a rate higher than that permitted by law. The council believed they had cause to ask for more government money, and that they might receive more.

Their problem was that, in order to make a legal rate without receiving more money from central Government, the council were obliged to budget to reduce their expenditure.

But councillors decided that, if they took that step before or at the beginning of the financial year, they would not be able to persuade the secretary of state to make more funds available. So their decision to defer making the rate was both rational and lawful.

The normal steps by which an authority which had full freedom of action made a rate was envisaged in section 2 of the General Rate Act 1967 as being: (i) To estimate, to the best of their ability, the total expenditure in the year in question. (ii) To calculate the likely total of receipts from rents and charges, and of monies to be received from central Government, together (where appropriate) with any sum to be taken from reserves. (iii) To make a rate sufficient to cover the balance of (i) less (ii).

When, however, a council were rate-capped, the process was effectively reversed. Once the maximum rate was known, (iii) became a definite amount.

If there was certainty, or certainty with narrow limits, about the total amounts under head (ii), the council's task was so to reduce budgetted expenditure down to no more than the total of (ii) plus (iii).

Local authorities were under an obligation in law to do that, even though the councillors might regard such reductions in expenditure as highly undesirable and politically unacceptable.

Neither was a valid excuse (not was either here urged as an excuse) for not obeying the law.

Here, Lambeth Council knew the figure of the maximum rate which could be made when the secretary of state announced it in early February 1985. They knew at the same time the amount of rate support grant the secretary of state had announced, their target, the effect of penalties, and that up to the end of March they had not been granted the disregardd they sought.

However reluctant the council were to make a lawful rate before April 1, 1985 by budgetting for reductions in expenditure, they had before them the information to enable them to do so.

If thereafter the secretary of state had granted disregards which effectively increased the rate support grant paid to the council, either expenditure could have been increased, or the rate could have been reduced.

In what way would making a rate at that stage have made it less likely that he would grant disregards later? The only logical answer was deferring the rate contained an implied threat that services would deteriorate and collapse, and the secretary of state would have to intervene.

His Lordship accepted that none of the councillors in fact intended to allow services to collapse and chaos to ensue, but that they were willing to use the threat was the only logical inference to be drawn from the facts.

A reason for not making or deferring the making of a rate, if it was to be a valid justification for what would otherwise be a breach of the council's duty to make a lawful rate at the proper time, had to be a reason relating to the rate-making process or to the rate itself.

But a decision to defer with the object of threatening the secretary of state that chaos would ensue if he did not make more funds available was not based upon a reason related to the rate or rate making. It was a decision taken for an extraneous and improper reason.

His Lordship concluded that in not making a lawful rate by the beginning of the financial year, Lambeth Council acted unlawfully.

What the councillors did by voting to defer making a rate was wrong. That they so voted deliberately was clear. The question was, did they know, or were they recklessly indifferent, as to whether what they were doing was wrong?

Each of the councillors said that he or she sincerely believed that what they did was lawful because it was in the reasonable expectation of obtaining more government funds.

As against what the councillors said in their affidavits, must be compared the advice given to them, and the facts known to them, as showing the basis of their knowledge and belief.

It was clear that councillors were given information and advice from which it should have been clear to them, if not by the end of March, then certainly by April 30, 1985 that what they were doing was wrong.

In continuing to vote to defer making a rate, the Lambeth councillors wilfully disregarded that advice, were reckless as to whether they were acting wrongly or not, and were thus guilty of wilful misconduct.

The council, by not making a rate, lost interest on money which would have been paid if it had made a rate. That was sufficient to bring the loss within section 20.

Save for an alteration reducing the certified amount to £105,836 the appeals of all the Lambeth councillors would be dismissed.

Liverpool

It was submitted that the councillors did not defer making a rate in order that the delay itself should act as a form of pressure. It was accepted that the council could not validly use delay in making a rate as a threat.

The reason for the delay, it was submitted, was to attempt to achieve greater certainty as to the amount of government grants the council were likely to receive. The council always intended to make a rate by June 20; they were entitled in their discretion to defer until that date, since they had valid reasons for doing so.

The major difficulty was that that was not the case presented by the councillors in their affidavits. From the councillors' own evidence his Lordship was quite clear that their intention was to defer making a rate in order to put pressure on the secretary of state.

They believed that that tactic had succeeded in 1984-85. They tried it again, and said in their resolutions that they were trying it again, in 1985-86.

That was not a valid reason for deferring making a rate.

Even if his Lordship were to accept that the councillors' intentions were to defer the rate in the hope of achieving greater certainty, they were acting irrationally.

The evidence did not support their case.

There was, however, an even more compelling argument for the auditor. The process of deciding whether, and by how much, to cut expenditure and whether, and by how much, to increase the rate, in order to prepare a balanced budget and make a lawful rate, inevitably took some time.

Even a council which, like Liverpool in 1985-86, was not rate-capped might decide it did not wish to increase its rate to any large extent. It was clear that that was Liverpool council's intention, which they carried into effect by increasing the rate by 9 per cent.

The only way, then, in which Liverpool could make a lawful rate was by reducing expenditure in its budget considerably. As the council failed to do that, it followed that the rate made on June 14, 1985 was not a lawful rate.

Nobody had sought to have it declared invalid in the courts, and presumably nobody would now wish to do so, and it thus remained an effective rate. But it was still unlawful.

By failing to take any steps to make a lawful rate in time or at all, the council acted unlawfully.

There was one final point. If the rate made on June 14 was lawful, exactly the same budget could have been approved, and the same rate made, before the end of March 1985. The estimated expenditure, £265 million, was almost exactly the amount of the city treasurer's estimate in his report of November 28, 1984. Virtually every other important figure in the equation, save the rate itself, was known by mid January 1985. There was no reason for delay.

The councillors' case, shortly, was that they believed that they were under no legal obligation to make a rate until June 20, 1985, and that they had valid reasons for not making a rate until shortly before then. They said they based that on their experience in 1984, and no advice they received subsequently was to the contrary.

A summary of the advice the councillors were given by their officers, and by the auditor, said that it would be unlawful not to make a rate by June 20, but neither said it would necessarily be lawful to defer rate-making until then.

If individual councillors did believe that the secretary of state might, as a result of their deferring the rate, produce any substantial amount of additional funds, they, like their Lambeth collagues, were acting irrationally.

But as a council, as a body, they put forward no reason at all, valid or not. They simply failed in their duty to make a lawful rate, and continued so to fail until after June 26. They all must have known that they did nothing until June 14, and they were warned that what they intended to do then was unlawful.

So the councillors knew, or must at the very least have been recklessly indifferent to, the fact that by their votes they were causing the council to act unlawfully. They were also therefore guilty of wilful misconduct.

As a matter of fact, the rate rebate subsidy monthly payments, and the payment in lieu of rates on Crown property, would have been paid if the council had made a lawful rate, and were not paid because it did not. The misconduct caused the loss alleged.

The appeals of the Liverpool councillors would be dismissed.

Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Russell delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Bindman and Partners; Mr Robert G. Broomfield, Lambeth; Christian Fisher & Co; Mr William Murray, Liverpool; Clifford-Turner.

CRICKET: TEST PITCH UNLIKELY TO BE AS FAVOURABLE TO ENGLAND

England hopes soar after the unthinkable is achieved

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Trinidad

England's last-ball victory in Tuesday's one-day international was all the sweeter for being so improbable and so very timely. A one-man show it may have been, but 129 not out was a tonic to the whole team, quite apart from being a great boost to the tour. "Graham made us all proud of him," Gower said, and he most certainly did.

There used to be a time when one of the chief joys of travelling around the West Indies with the England team was to watch the batsmen coming into their own. They would grow feathers which they never knew they had. That has changed now, not because the batsmen are no good any more (far from it) but owing to a decline in the pitches and the spread of fast bowling. On Tuesday, for the first time on the present tour, the pitch was a really good one: it was that which made possible such a wonderfully entertaining game.

I should be surprised if there have not been times during the five and a half weeks that we have been here when Gooch has rued his decision to come. Now, all being well, he will feel pleased that he did. By mobbing Gooch as he left the field on Tuesday, and so separating sport from politics in a way that it has become so difficult to do, two black spectators provided the tour's most warming moment.

There was a message, too, in the size of the crowd. Yesterday's *Express*, one of Trinidad's two morning papers and a staunch supporter of the boycott, wrote in an editorial that "from early in the day cricket-loving Trinidadians had made up their minds, after weeks of protest, after months of reading daily of the blatant crime that is apartheid, that they prefer the joys of cricket to the politics of sport." Few can have believed when England arrived in Portof Spain a week ago that nearly 20,000 people would watch one day's play.

Not many, I think, of those who were there foresaw the possibility of an English victory until there was only an over or two to go. What had been just as exciting for them was the near certainty that West Indies, not England, were going to win. After all, what side on earth, let alone one as unsuccessful as Gower's had been, could ever score 153 runs in the last 20 overs of a match against Marshall, Garner, Patterson, Walsh and Harper, supported by some of the best fielders in the game and with Richards in charge? It was unthinkable — but as if by Providence, it happened. All that marred the day was the arrest outside the ground of 16 anti-apartheid protestors on what sounded rather like trumped-up charges. Their morale had been badly enough dented by the sight of all those people passing through the gates, without that.

Had the scores finished level on Tuesday, West Indies would have won for having lost three wickets to England's five, and as Gooch and Smith scampered through for the last run, a leg-bye, Harper had a shy at the bowler's wicket from a range of no more than 10 yards with Gooch still some way from home.

During the 37 overs of England's innings Gooch had never given up hope, and from each of his partners he had some assistance, however slight. Smith's contribution was a lofted drive for four off Garner, a shot that will have given him great pleasure. From Willey came two thundering boundaries to keep the scoring-rate at the required eight an over. Slack, too, played well enough to win a first Test cap tomorrow, whether Robinson is recovered from his illness or not.

Which brings me to the Test pitch — and to what could be the bad news. Although the groundsman has shown now that it is well within his powers to produce a very good pitch, he is more likely, I am afraid, to leave the grass on. What he does in this regard, or is told to do, will decide what sort of match it is. Almost equally well he can make something on which Marshall and Co are immensely formidable or relatively manageable, at any rate for Gooch. In Jamaica the square was not level enough for a good pitch. Here there is no such excuse.

There is also the short-pitched bowling to be reckoned with. On Tuesday there was virtually none of it, because of the one-day rule whereby a bouncer is a wide. Tomorrow it will be different, but at least English hopes are a lot higher than they were at the start of the week. When Richards was out on Tuesday, having made 82 in 39 balls and added 117 in nine overs with young Richardson, it would have seemed hardly conceivable for anyone else to be made man of the match. Yet, when the game was over, Richards was "unavailable for comment", his thunder having been stolen by Gooch.

West Indies' defeat, incidentally, was only their fourth in one-day internationals at home. Their last eight had all been won, mostly by hugh margins.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes b Foster	53
C A Best run out	10
R B Richardson not out	79
†I V A Richards c Foster b Botham	82
R A Harper not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	5
Total (3 wkts, 37 overs)	229

H A Gomes, †T R O Payne, M D Marshall, J Garner, C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-106, 3-223.

BOWLING: Botham 8-1-59-1; Foster 10-1-42-1; Ellison 8-0-57-0; Emburey 8-2-48-0; Willey 3-0-19-0.

ENGLAND

G A Gooch not out	129
I T Botham c Richards b Garner	8
W N Slack c Payne b Walsh	34
A J Lamb b Garner	18
*D I Gower run out	9
P Willey c Richards b Garner	10
D M Smith not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 6)	14
Total (5 wkts, 37 overs)	230

†P R Downton, J E Emburey, R M Ellison and N A Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-98, 3-143, 4-170, 5-183.

BOWLING: Garner 9-1-62-3; Patterson 8-0-30-0; Walsh 9-0-49-1; Marshall 10-1-59-0; Harper 3-0-22-0.

Umpires: S Mohammed and C Cumberbatch.



Tour's most warming moment: Gooch is mobbed by two Trinidadians

Batsmen get their own back as underdogs wag their tail

It is always nice to see underdogs win, and on Tuesday, as England played West Indies in the one-day match at Port of Spain, there was a dramatic and unexpected victory there to be claimed by three different sets of underdogs.

Underdogs no. 1 were, of course, England. By winning they defied their own pessimism, their own mood of depression that has been with them for days. Is truth the best they had hoped for in their hearts was to finish undisgraced. That, after all, would have been a great leap forward.

The trauma of the Test match at Sabina Park, Jamaica, cut very deep. The political troubles of the Trinidad leg — all the "racists get out" stuff — upset them all. Indeed, I believe that many England men would happily have called it a day if they could have taken the money and run home. For they were denied the solace that is usually available to England touring sides caught up in political turmoil — the pleasure of playing cricket.

The cricket had been joyless stuff: playing was an ordeal. Too many people have been out of sorts with themselves and their game. The last-ball win on Tuesday was the last thing anyone expected — observers, players and bookmakers together.

The second set of underdogs to triumph in this match were batsmen. After the Test match on the Jamaican horror strip, one had begun to wonder if there was any answer at all to a battery of four fast bowlers: at Sabina Park, there wasn't one. Some of the West Indian players have been saying consolingly to the England players that they would have struggled to score 100 had they been facing their own attack on that track.

But on a gentle, flat pitch at Port-of-Spain the bowlers were firing blanks. Richards and Richardson — there's a double act for you — took England's attack apart. Then Gooch did the same to the West Indian pace and fire quartet. It was a day when bat held sway the ball: one had forgotten that such days were possible.

There was one more underdog group that won on Tuesday — sportsmen. For once, they scored a win over the politicians. The Trinidadians' threatened boycott of the cricket looked a semi-success when play started, but as news got round that people were there in thousands, not hundreds, more and more turned up. There were 15,000 people at the 25,000 capacity ground by the end.

And Gooch, the main target for all the political troubles, was man of the match with a wonderful 129. The crowd stood and cheered him uninhibitedly when he reached his 100. They forgot partisanship and started to yell for England in pure delight at seeing the underdogs turn and when Gooch walked off, having won the match, two men dodged the police and ran on to the pitch towards him. Political activists? No — as a matter of fact they both embraced him. Sportsmen all three.

I had supper on Tuesday with a man from the nearby island of Nevis. He was at the cricket, "and at the end" he said, "I raised my hand and cheered for cricket." So did we all.

Simon Barnes

Salim cheers Pakistan

Galle (Reuter) — The Sri Lanka Board President's XI, replying to the Pakistanis' 285 for eight declared, made a slow start to their first innings on the second day of the three-day match here yesterday. By the close of play they had crawled to 52 for one off 32 overs.

Earlier, Salim Malik, leading the Pakistanis in the absence of five senior players, hit three sixes and seven fours in an aggressive 106 after hesitant batting during the morning.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Rizwan-uz-Zaman c and b Ramanayake	18
Shoaib Mohammad c Amalean b Abeysekera	8
Qasim Omar c Warnakulasuriya b Anurasiri	62
Rameez Raja c Mahanama b Anurasiri	58
*Salim Malik c sub b Abeysekera	106
Salim Yousuf c and b Anurasiri	1
Wasim Akram c Bulankulame b Amalean	3
Zakir Khan c Bulankulame b Amalean	4
Tauseef Ahmed not out	14
†Zulqarnain not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 5)	11
Total (8 wkts dec)	285

Mohsin Kamal did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-29, 3-123, 4-157, 5-170, 6-193, 7-223, 8-282.

BOWLING: Ramanayke 17-2-50-1; Amaleen 16-5-52-2; Abeysekera 46-10-106-2; Anurasiri 37-11-72-3; Bulankulame 1-1-0-0.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

*S Warnakulasuriya not out	39
D Bulankulame b Tauseef	10
D Ranatunga not out	3
Total (1 wkt)	52

R S Mahanama, H P Tillekeratne, D Wickremasinghe, †G Wickremasinghe, S Abeysekera, S D Anurasiri, C Ramanayake and K N Amaleen to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47.

One-day plan faces a delay

By Richard Streeton

Charles Palmer, the chairman, already knows that his working party's recent report on English cricket is unlikely to be accepted, in its entirety, by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at their spring meeting at Lord's today. The Board's finance committee, for instance, are still studying the implications of the controversial proposal that less one-day cricket should be played.

No other recommendation has drawn such vociferous and hostile criticism from the counties, who see a lucrative source of income threatened. Mr Palmer's nine-man inquiry, with a brief to find ways of raising Test match standards, blamed the limited-overs game for modern technical faults.

To help counterbalance this, the working party advocated a championship of eight four-day and 16 three-day games. To make room on the calendar for the extra days, they proposed that the John Player Special League programme should be halved by playing it in two divisions, and that the Benson and Hedges Cup should become a knock-out event from its first round.

All these experiments now seem certain to be referred back by the counties, who remain unconvinced that the best possible England team has to be the game's main priority. With fixtures planned a year ahead, it means it could be 1988, or later, before the domestic structure changes — and then only if the gulf narrows between those holding the two opposing points of view.

Mr Palmer is philosophical about the immediate delay, though he desperately hopes for positive action to emerge from the TCCB's meeting in August or December. "We have put forward ideas, pointing the way ahead," he said.

"I can see that it would be wrong for them to be rushed through. They must be tested in debate. Those unwilling to make financial sacrifices initially, though, will have to take the responsibility if English cricket standards continue to decline."

Several less contentious aspects of the Palmer report are expected to be approved by today's meeting, which brings a comforting reminder that the new cricket season is only six weeks away. A return could be made this summer to uncovered pitches in the championship and the first steps taken towards co-ordinating coaching schemes across the country.

Other items on the agenda include registration matters, such as Alvin Kallicharran seeking to become English-qualified and the election of a Test selector to succeed Alec Bedser. He has resigned to concentrate on his role as Surrey president.

There are three candidates seeking to join Peter May (chairman), Alan Smith and Philip Sharpe on the panel. They are Fred Titmus (Middlesex) and David Allen (Gloucestershire), both former England off spinners, and Roy Booth, a former Worcestershire wicket-keeper.

Delegates will also be asked to approve a new way this year to decide rain ruined one-day matches.

RUGBY UNION

England take gamble with choice of injured Simms

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Kevin Simms, of Cambridge University, has been named in an unchanged England team to play France in Paris on Saturday week, when this season's five nations championship will be decided. Simms, who pulled a hamstring playing against Ireland last Saturday, has until Monday to prove his fitness.

Medical opinion after the Irish game was that Simms, himself a medical student, was unlikely to be fit again by Saturday week. He is having physiotherapy on the injury all this week, however, in the hope that the strain will ease sufficiently; nevertheless the selectors are taking an obvious gamble naming a player who may be forced to withdraw.

Scotland, too, have named an unchanged squad for their game against Ireland in Dublin on the same day. Milne, the Harlequins tight-head prop, will have the opportunity at Sunday's squad training to indicate his recovery from an ankle injury; otherwise there was never any doubt that the team which beat England by 27 points would go in against Ireland looking for a share at least in this season's championship.

England will not have a squad get-together at the weekend because several players are involved in John Player Special Cup matches on Saturday and two more. Underwood and Richards, play for Leicester against Broughton Park on Sunday. The Park asked for a Sunday game because O'Brien, their full back, is involved on Lancashire's behalf against Warwickshire the previous day.

To that extent it does not matter too much that a change may have to be made at centre, since the players come together next Wednesday evening and leave the following day for Paris, where they will have their main training before the game against France. (The French team is expected to be announced over the weekend.)

It is unsettling, however, for the backs and there remains the possibility that, even if Simms passes a fitness test early next week, the injury may recur either in training or during the match. It is the sort of situation best avoided by naming a player of whose fitness the selectors can be assured, particularly since they have three alternatives in Salmon, Halliday and Palmer, all of whom have been closely involved in England's preparations this season.

The threat to Andrew's position at stand-off half receded against Ireland when he took the bull by the horns and played a challenging, exciting game. His judgement may not have been perfect in every situation — of how many players can you ever say that? — but his tactical kicking was excellent and, on other days, one of his breaks may result in a try. If only he could be certain of getting the mundane chores right, the drop-outs and the touch-finders.

There may have been grumbles over his goal-kicking in the last two games but in both matches, against Scotland and Ireland, there was an awkward wind and the point is that his ability in this respect is proven. He missed only three out of seven place-kicks last Saturday and while Scots will point to Gavin Hastings's remarkable 100 per cent record against England, wind or no wind, Hastings himself will be the first to admit that not every day is as infallable as that.

ENGLAND (v France): G H Davies (Wasps), M E Harrison (Wakefield), K G Simms (Liverpool), F J Clough (Orrell), R Underwood (Leicester), C R Andrew (Nottingham), N D Melville (Wasps, captain), G J Chilcott (Bath), S E Brain (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), M J Colclough (Swansea), G W Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: J A Palmer (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), R Hill (Bath), P A G Rendall (Wasps), A W Simpson (Sale), P Cook (Nottingham).

SCOTLAND (v Ireland): A G Hastings (London Scottish); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), D I Johnston (Watsonians), S Hastings (Watsonians), G R T Baird (Kelso), J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); A K Brewster (Stewart's-Melville FP), C T Deans (Hawick, captain), I G Milne (Harlequins), J Jeffrey (Kelso), A J Campbell (Hawick), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), J R Beattie (Glasgow Academicals). Replacements: N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), G J Callander (Kelso), D B White (Gala), S G Johnston (Watsonians), D S Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), P W Dods (Gala).

● Tomorrow's Miller Buckley championship game between Scottish Universities and English Universities in Edinburgh has been postponed. Scottish Universities have important league commitments on Saturday and it is now hoped the game, already rescheduled once from February 14, will be played during April.

Ireland's selection makes little sense

By George Ace

By recalling Phil Orr for his fiftieth cap, thus equalling Sandy Carmichael's world record, and restoring Willie Anderson, the deposed lock, to No. 8 at the expense of Brian Spillane, Ireland make two changes to the team which lost to England at the weekend for the game against Scotland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week.

The immediate reaction is that the selectors have decided that the wooden spoon is not enough and to go comprehensively for the whitewash. The logic behind the changes in the pack is not readily apparent. Orr, a mighty servant to the cause of Irish rugby since 1976, was omitted against Wales, but is a shadow of the player he was a few seasons ago. Anderson will surely find it a different ball game at this level in the middle of the back row than at lock.

How much more simple it would have been, once the decision was taken to drop Spillane, to move Morrow to No. 8, a position he has excelled in for Ulster this season and bring in John O'Driscoll, of London Irish, on the blind-side flank. Anderson may have been a better bet at lock for Lenihan, who has only spasmodically shown his true form this term.

With Philip Matthews, a young man who will surely captain Ulster and Ireland next season, still not considered owing to an arm injury, O'Driscoll has received tardy treatment at the hands of the selectors. He had an outstanding inter-provisional season for Connacht and in his previous appearances for Ireland he has earned every one of his 26 caps. It may not be forward thinking to recall O'Driscoll at 32, but Orr at 35 hardly falls into that category. One is reluctant to dwell on the point but it probably matters little which eight from 12 make up the Irish pack if the scrummage remains of secondary importance in the eyes of the coach.

Bradley almost certainly owes his retention at scrum half to the inept performance of the Irish pack, particularly at Twickenham.

McCall, who sustained a broken nose at Twickenham, keeps his place in the second row.

IRELAND (v Scotland): H P MacNeill (London Irish); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Dublin University), M J Kiernan (Dolphin), K D Crossan (Instonians); R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution); P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), D Morrow (Bangor), B W McCall (London Irish), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), N J Carr (Ards), W A Anderson (Dungannon). Replacements: J J McCoy (Bangor), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), P C Collins (Highfield), R C Brady (Ballymena), A J Ward (Greystones), P I Ramey (Ballymena).

Barbarian power fuelled by Scots

By David Hands

East Midlands 6
Barbarians 35

There was no comeback for East Midlands in the annual Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton yesterday. The Barbarians proved far too powerful in all departments, Derek White, the Scottish flanker, enjoying a particularly profitable afternoon, and they won by two goals, five tries and a penalty goal to a solitary goal.

Nevertheless the East Midlands players must have been gratified to have a game at all after the recent bad weather, even if their distinguished opponents have had their fill of representative rugby recently. The rise in temperature left Franklin's Gardens greasy on the surface but it made little difference to the Barbarians.

Their initial flurry was greatly to the benefit of their Scottish representatives. There were seven of them, led by Deans, Scotland's captain and captain for the day of the Barbarians, and by half-time, when the visitors led 23-6, three of them had entered the scoring list. Among them was Hastings, who will return on Saturday when London Scottish play Northampton in the John Player Special Cup. He may have valued the goal-kicking practice, though the crossfield wind proved awkward to negotiate and he missed six of his nine kicks.

Inevitably, possession was the problem for the East Midlands. Duncan was given the kind of space on the right he will seldom see in internationals and outflanked the cover for the first try. White, with Paxton's assistance, romped over but the East Midlands had particular cause to regret Devereux's try. It came after a concerted spell on the Barbarians' line when Palmer was able to make the most of a misdirected pass in the home centre. Hastings crossed for the fourth but the East Midlands made more from their second opportunity. Biddington working his way over

Johnson, running hunched forward like a hound on the scent, tried bravely to prompt a response in the second half as the Barbarians total continued to rise. But their opponents ran in tries through Duncan, White and Palmer, the latter leaving the field with a leg injury.

SCORERS: East Midlands — Try: Biddington. Conversion: Johnson. Barbarians — Tries: Duncan (2), White (2), Devereux, Hastings, Palmer. Conversions: Hastings (2). Penalty: Hastings.

EAST MIDLANDS (Northampton unless stated): M Ebsworth (London Welsh); J Cubitt, D Woodrow, A Street, K Canning (Bedford); A Johnson (Oxford University), I Peck (Bedford); I Heywood, M Howe (Bedford), N Fox, S Biddington (Bedford), V Cannon (captain), I Lutter (rep: D Newman), I White, G Poole

BARBARIANS: G Hastings (London Scottish and Scotland), M Duncan (West of Scotland and Scotland), J Palmer (Bath and England) (rep: R Moon, Nottingham), J Devereux (South Glamorgan Institute and Wales), M Bailey (Wasps and England), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP and Scotland), S Johnston (Watsonians); P Orr (Old Wesley and Ireland), C Deans (Hawick and Scotland, captain), L Delaney (Llanelli), D White (Gala and Scotland), N Redman (Bath and England), W Anderson (Dungannon and Ireland), G Roberts (Cardiff and Wales), I Paxton (Falkirk and Scotland)

Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

Indiscipline betrays Swansea

By Peter Marson

Nottingham University . 9
Swansea University 3

Nottingham's all-round strength prevailed against Swansea, potentially the more exciting combination, in the semi-final round of the Universities Athletic Union championship at Stroud yesterday.

So a hard-won victory by a goal and a penalty goal to a penalty goal takes Nottingham into the final: they will play Loughborough at Twickenham next Wednesday.

Indiscipline had lost Swansea valuable ground at the start and then Hamilton stepped up and, judging a tricky wind nicely, landed a penalty goal for Nottingham from 30 metres out and at an angle on the right.

A moment or so before the break, a Swansea sortie did find reward in the shape of three points from a well taken penalty goal from 25 metres out by Evans. But after the interval, Swansea's effort finally gave way and Nottingham scored the only try of the match. Berry, who played excellently, gave impetus to a right-to-left movement in which Simmons and Purdy handled before Eales dived in for a captain's try at the post: Hamilton converted.

SCORERS: Nottingham: Penalty goal: Hamilton. Try: Eales. Conversion: Hamilton. Swansea. Penalty goal: Evans.

● In the other UAU semi-final Loughborough, the holders, beat Birmingham 17-0.

London have most of the answers

By Gordon Allan

London Hospital 9
St Thomas's Hospital.... 4

The London reached the final of the Hospitals Cup with a win over St Thomas's by a goal and a dropped goal to a try at Richmond yesterday. The last time The London were in the final was 1981, when they lost to St Mary's. In next Wednesday's final, they play either St Mary's, the holders, or Guy's, who meet in the other semi-final today.

St Thomas's were substantially outweighted in the tight scrums by The London, and it was this factor that made the real difference between the sides, despite the courageous play of Hopley, a London Irish centre, and Bayley at half back for St Thomas's. The London also won a useful amount of the ball at the lineouts through Barnes, and altogether they gave the impression of having most of the answers.

The London took the lead on the half-hour with a left-footed dropped goal by Maclean. It came from a scrum in front of the posts after St Thomas's had put the ball straight into touch from a drop-out on their 22. But in the last minute of the half, St Thomas's broke out of defence, moved the ball to Palmer on the left wing, and when he was tackled and the ball ran loose, Hopley was on hand to touch down.

Five minutes into the second half, Barker scored what turned out to be the decisive try. The London heeled against the head in St Thomas's 22, Slack, the Blackheath No. 8, picked up, and Maclean put Barker over by the posts. Maclean converted.

SCORERS: The London: Try: Barker. Conversion: Maclean. Dropped goal: Maclean St Thomas's: Try: Hopley

LONDON HOSPITAL: M Benson; J Collins, C Long, W Barker, N Rossiter; A Maclean, C Rooms, J Brosch, C Mann, P Taylor, A Pernham, P Barnes, A Justice, T Briggs, S Slack

ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL: A Hobbs; C Brookes, J McIntyre, F Wadsworth, S Palmer, P Hopley, G Bayley; J Korosi, N Wilson, D Roberts, D Barron, P Robbins, A Saleemi, J Lucas, A Francis.

Referee: P Wakefield (London).

HOCKEY

Army's victory rewarded by triple honours

By Sydney Friskin

RAF 1
Army 5

The Army's decisive victory over the RAF at Willesden yesterday enabled them to complete the Services championship with triple honours. They retained the senior title, won the junior event and also kept the Wilkinson Sword, the symbol of supremacy for annual matches against the Royal Navy whom they had defeated 2-0 on the previous day.

The Army, for whom Gordon and Jennings were outstanding, took the lead in the twentieth minute with Jennings converting a short corner after a perfect stop by Jolly. After 12 minutes of the second half, Hart put the RAF on level terms. But Jennings converted another short corner to put the Army ahead again and three more goals — two by Jennings (one from a penalty) and Jolly — completed the rout.

REAL TENNIS/ RACKETS

Oxford and Cambridge all square

By William Stephens

Oxford and Cambridge go into today's singles rubbers level in the University real tennis match, sponsored by George Wimpey, after each winning a doubles at Lord's yesterday.

On Tuesday, Cambridge won the rackets match when they defeated Oxford 4-3 in the deciding doubles at Queen's Club.

REAL TENNIS: Lord's: George Wimpey University match: Oxford 1, Cambridge 1 (Oxford names first): Doubles: J A Bass (Stonyhurst and Queen's) and M Harper (Oundle and Trinity) bt A J W Page (Lancing and Jesus) and I D Rose (Marchiston Castle and Robinson), 6-0, 6-1, 6-5; J N Jee (Radley, BNC and Wycliffe Hall) and P R V Maxwell (Winchester and St Catherine's) lost to W M Fairbairns (Wellington and Magdalene) and D A J St George (Eton and Trinity), 3-6, 6-5, 6-2, 3-6, 2-6.

RACKETS: Queen's Club: University match: Cambridge 2, Oxford 1 (Cambridge names first): Singles: A M Spurling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall) bt C E R M Hall (Winchester and Brasenose), 15-3, 15-6, 15-4; Fairbairns lost to S G Harford (Winchester and St John's), 15-18, 6-15, 5-15. Doubles: Spurling and Fairbairns bt Hall and Harford, 15-5, 10-15, 18-7, 10-15, 17-16, 13-18, 15-8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Council extend season by only 48 hours

By Keith Macklin

Although there is a huge backlog of championship and cup fixtures, the Rugby League council yesterday decided to extend the season by only 48 hours. This applies to first division fixtures, with the second division able to go on to Sunday, May 11, if necessary.

Council members had little room for manoeuvre, with a tight schedule in both championship and cup. The first division season was due to end on Sunday, April 20, and will now end on Tuesday, April 22.

The premiership first round is planned to start the following weekend, April 26 and 27, with a tight programme leading to the final on a fixed date and place, May 18 at Elland Road, Leeds. The Silk Cut Challenge Cup final is also immovable, with the traditional early May date at Wembley on May 3.

Ray Mordt, Wigan's South African winger, has had an operation for the removal of a "floating" piece of bone in his knee and will be out of the game for a month. Diary, page 25

CYCLING

Kelly a sprint winner

From John Wilcockson, Le Rouret, Ardeche

With a typical opportunist effort, Sean Kelly won the third stage of the Paris-Nice race yesterday to increase his overall lead in the 750-miles race to 19 seconds over Bruno Wojtinek of France. The 127-mile stage followed the pattern of the previous two, with a long, solo break — this time by Eddy Planckaert, of Belgium — preceding yet another mass sprint in which Kelly got the better of his pursuers.

On a spectacular route through the Cevennes, Planckaert made his move on a narrow, winding descent, gaining 11 minutes within 30 miles before being pulled in 12 miles from the finish.

RESULTS: Third stage (127 miles): St Etienne to Le Rouret: 1, S Kelly (Ire) 5hr 48mn 53sec; 2, A Gumerez (Sp); 3, S Bauer (Can), 4, B Wojtinek (Fr), 5, P Leleu (Fr), 6, G Le Mond (US) - all same time. Overall: 1, Kelly 16hr 30mn 31sec; 2, Wojtinek at 19sec; 3, T Marie (Fr) 23sec; 4, Le Mond 27sec; 5, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) 29sec; 6, C Berard (Fr) 33sec.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

(7.30 unless stated)

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Southern section: Reading v Orient.

FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Bishop's Stortford v Cheltenham; Kettering v Worthing.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Horwich v Mossley.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon v Norwich (2.0).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Uxbridge v Epsom and Ewell.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern section: Ruislip v Salisbury.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Manchester City v Wigan (6.45). Second division: Middlesbrough v Grimsby (7.0).

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-Final: Billericay Town v Tilbury. Semi-final replay: Barking v Chelmsford.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Woking v Leyton Wingate.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Chertsey Town v Leatherhead.

RUGBY UNION

HOSPITALS' CUP: Semi-finals: St Mary's v Guy's.

CLUB MATCH: Esher v Blackheath.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England Under-23 v Netherlands Under-23 (Hereford).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg national championships: Quarter-final play-offs, second legs: Team Polycell Kingston v Brunel Ducks Uxbridge and Camden; Manchester Giants v London Docklands Crystal Palace.

RACKETS: Celestion British Open (Queen's).

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

KOBE (Japan) Indoor meeting: Men: triple jump: 1, J Ebe (EG), 16.68m. 2, D Gamin (EG), 16.41. 400m: 1, S Uh (Nig), 49.04. 50m hurdles: 1, M McKoy (Can), 6.25, world best; 2, T Campbell (US), 6.46; 3, A Joyner (US), 6.59. Shot put: 1, J Doehring (US) 19.59; 50m: 1, E King (US), 5.82; 2, B Johnson (US), 5.71; 3, S Braigmann (EG), 5.73.

TENNIS

PRINCETON (New Jersey): US women's indoor: first round: A Moulton (US) bt A Croft (GB) 6-1, 5-2; D Balestrat (Arg) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt A Henrickson (US) 7-5, 6-1; B Potter (US) bt J Dunn (GB) 7-6, 6-3; A White (US) bt E Smylie (Aus) 3-4, ret; P Louie (US) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-7, 6-0, 7-6.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: French Open: First round: G Williams (GB) bt M Ahmed (Pak) 9-7, 1-9, 10-8, 9-4, 9-6; G Briars (GB) bt U H Khan (Pak) 2-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-1; P Kenyon (GB) bt B Beeson (GB) 9-2, 8-6, 7-9, 9-4.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-final first leg: Steaua Bucharest 0, Kuusysiahti 0

UEFA CUP: Quarter-final first leg: Hajduk Split 1, Waregem 0.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Postponed: Brechin v Montrose

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Blackburn v Barnsley.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton 3, Ipswich 2; Reading 2, Queen's Park Rangers 4. Postponed: Crystal Palace v Watford.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter 1, Bristol City 2.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Rugby (G W Devereux and M G Lewis) bt Tonbridge (J Longley and J Wates) 15-7, 14-17, 10-15, 15-12, 17-14, 4-15, 15-12; Radley (A Hamson and M Stuart-Clark) bt Marlborough (A Robinson and G Barker) 15-8, 15-4, 17-18, 6-15, 15-10, 15-10; Harrow (L O Snegaman and S A Rossiter) bt Eton (C M Hue Williams and E J Novis) 15-, 15-9, 1-15, 15-13, 7-15, 15-18, 15-12.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 128, Philadelphia 76ers 121; New York Knicks 119, Washington Bullets 83; Detroit Pistons 120, New Jersey Nets 103; Boston Celtics 106, Chicago Bulls 94; Denver Nuggets 128, Houston Rockets 115; Sacramento Kings 94, Utah Jazz 92; Los Angeles Clippers 106, Cleveland Cavaliers 101; Portland Trail Blazers 102, Indiana Pacers 99; Golden State Warriors 129, San Antonio Spurs 126.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-final play-offs: second leg: Sharp Manchester United 92 (T Brown 26, Tannam 15, Gardner 14), Walkers Crisps Leicester 88 (Young 39, Meagher 22, Vaughan 10). Teams level 1-1, deciding play-off at Stretford on Saturday (6.30).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National league (NHL): St Louis Blues 6, Quebec Nordiques 3; Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey Devils 2; Buffalo Sabres 6, Philadelphia Flyers 4; New York Islanders 6, Montreal Canadiens 3; Calgary Flames 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Edmonton Oilers 8, Vancouver Canucks 2.

FOOTBALL: AS EVERTON LOOK FORWARD TO THE CLIMAX TOTTENHAM PLAN THEIR NEW SEASON

Shreeve left to pick up the pieces with which to build a better future

As Peter Shreeve picks up the pieces of Tottenham Hotspur's season he will no doubt cast an envious glance towards Howard Kendall, whose Everton side can focus again on a possible League and Cup double. Two second-half goals from Adrian Heath, a substitute, and Gary Lineker carried Everton over Tottenham on Tuesday and into the FA Cup quarter-final to demonstrate again their remarkable resilience in the heat of battle.

The victory was achieved without Gary Stevens, the England right back, and, for the most part, Kevin Ratcliffe, the club captain. After the first quarter of an hour the League leaders had to defend against a desperate and belligerent Tottenham side, with Kevin Richardson, a reserve midfield player, filling in at right back, and Alan Harper, a replacement full back, playing at centre half alongside van den Hauwe.

Although Lineker scored his 32nd goal of the season, Harper, who is often a member of the Goodison Park shadow squad, earned the man-of-the-match rating. Kendall summed up the former Liverpool reserve's value: "If I had to replace him I would have to ask the chairman for £500,000 because I would need two quality players. When Ratcliffe went off not one player was in his normal position in the back four.

"The Harpers and the Richardsons — you can ask them to come in and do any job for you. They have been brilliant for this club." Harper cleared off his line once in each half as Tottenham tried to salvage something with a rugged, sometimes too rugged, performance.

Shreeve has also switched his players around but no matter whom he selects, or where, he seems unable to find a winning blend. Tuesday's defeat was the the club's sixth out of the last seven at home in leading competitions.

Starting at White Hart Lane against the bottom-of-the-table West Bromwich on Saturday, Shreeve will spend the remainder of a desperately disappointing season constructing a serious assault on next season's League title. "I would oppose the view that our season is over now," he said. "We must concentrate on picking up points and bringing in young players and our next phase must be to improve our position in the table."

Shreeve's continuing problem is lack of goals. Mark Falco's 79th-minute effort was Tottenham's only return on the night.



Silk and steel: Maradona (left) and Passarella, two reasons to fear Argentina

Argentina looking to sorcerer Maradona and his apprentice

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — Argentina's World Cup challenge will rest largely on the shoulders of the veteran *libero*, Daniel Passarella, Diego Maradona and the precocious newcomer, Claudio Borghi.

Passarella, captain of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning side, will be a tough nut to crack at the heart of the defence. He is also renowned for his strong surges into attack, deadly free kicks and accurate penalties. With his club, Fiorentina, he is only two goals off Giacinto Facchetti's record of 10 goals by a defender in one season in the Italian League.

Maradona, Argentina's captain, needs a good World Cup performance finally to justify the accolade of the world's greatest player. He wants to make up for a disappointing World Cup in Spain four years ago but has said he puts an Argentinian victory ahead of his personal ambitions.

Borghi could turn out to be Maradona's ideal attacking partner, taking over the striking role when Maradona is tightly marked or absorbing some of the marking which rival managers are expected to employ to counter Maradona.

Borghi has played on a world stage only once, but his performance earned the praise of Michel Platini, of France. He played opposite Borghi when the European Cup holders, Juventus, met Argentinos Juniors for the world club championship in Tokyo last December.

After a superb match, which Juventus won on penalties, Platini said: "Borghi is like Picasso. His right leg can be like a brush or a knife and he will have no problem adapting to the European game. He plays that football tango typical of Argentinians. He is always hunting, ready for the kill, brilliant with one-twos."

Calm and confident

Borghi, aged 21, who admires the Brazilian, Falcao, for the way he makes every move look simple, progressed rapidly to the top after claiming the centre forward position at Argentinos only a year ago. The fans love his silky skills, but many were also taken by surprise when he recently told of his strict Mormon beliefs.

Off the field he is a calm, confident young man who talks about his disgust of drugs, drink, smoking and abortion. "To have an abortion is a crime worse than murder," he said.

Argentina's coach, Carlos Bilardo, drafted Borghi into his team late last year, hoping, like all supporters, that he, Maradona and Ricardo Bochini would mould into a fearsome attacking trio.

However, the two tests against Mexico in Los Angeles and Puebla revealed a lack of understanding between them and were also Argentina's worst matches under Bilardo. The coach said that once he had gathered his squad for an extended training period from mid-April he would have a chance to work on the Maradona-Borghi formula.

Bochini, aged 31, has 30 caps, but has never played in a World Cup. He could help make a Maradona-Borghi partnership work, playing deeper and launching them into attack. During the qualifying games last June, the team did not function well when Maradona was out of the game. It seemed the less experienced home-based players were in awe of him.

Juan Barbas, of Italy's Lecce, showed he was capable of pulling the strings, but Bilardo has not entrusted his full confidence in the man groomed by the former coach, Cesar Menotti, as successor to Osvaldo Ardiles.

Bochini, who played well in Argentina's tour of Europe in 1984, surprised players and spectators alike by making himself unavailable for the qualifying rounds. Bilardo, however, overlooked Bochini's personal problems and took him back into the fold.

Barbas, on the other hand, has not been called up for the European tour next month which opens with a match against France, the European champions, in Paris on March 26.

"I want to see Sergio Batista and Ricardo Giusti together," Bilardo said, hinting that they would play with Bochini in midfield, with Maradona, Borghi and the Real Madrid forward, Jorge Valdano, up front.

The bearded Batista could be another revelation. A colleague of Borghi's at Argentinos, Batista plays in a classical South American midfield style. An elegant, tall player, he possesses a composure which will be invaluable in the heat and altitude in Mexico. He could do for Argentina what Gerson did for Brazil in the same conditions in 1970.

Case of cupboard love for Aldridge

If John Aldridge, the Oxford United forward who has scored 23 goals this season, becomes an international, he will owe it all to a little old lady who used to hide him in a cupboard.

Aldridge's two goals in Tuesday night's Milk Cup semi-final first leg at Aston Villa, not only gave Oxford United an excellent chance of reaching Wembley for the first time, but also impressed Jack Charlton, the new Republic of Ireland manager.

Aldridge, who was born in Liverpool, may be eligible for the Republic because his maternal great grandmother was Irish. He said yesterday: "She was a lovely lady. She lived with us when I was a small boy, and used to hide me in the gas cupboard if I'd been naughty so that my dad couldn't find me.

"I've got no chance of playing for England now, so if the Republic want me, I'd jump at the chance. An international cap is not something you turn down. If you play for a little club, you don't get noticed. As far as I know, Bobby Robson (the England manager) has only seen me once this season, and then he was probably watching somebody in the opposition."

Charlton was also watching Ray Houghton, a Glaswegian with an Irish father, and said: "Aldridge is a great goalscorer and Houghton was probably the best player on the park."

Ironically, Aldridge owes his current success to the absence of a Northern Ireland international. Aldridge explained: "When Billy Hamilton was in the team he did all the spadework and I concentrated on scoring goals. Since Billy has been injured I've worked hard at the rest of my game, and I think my form is coming along well."

Villa will welcome back Andy Gray after suspension and Tony Dorigo after injury for next week's second leg.

Suspended goalkeeper called up

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Franz Beckenbauer, the West German team manager, has selected Harald Schumacher in a 20-strong squad for next Wednesday's international against Brazil in Frankfurt, although Schumacher received a domestic four-match suspension last week which will rule him out of if he loses his appeal today.

Schumacher, a goalkeeper, was sent off against Bayern Munich after giving away two penalties but he was so incensed by Beckenbauer's observation that the penalties were justified that he was reported to be considering to refuse to play in Mexico.

SQUAD: Immel, Schumacher, Stein; Augenthaler, Brehme, Briegel, Buchwald, Forster, Herget, Jakob, Allgower, Magath, Matthaeus, Rolff, Thon; Klaus Allofs, Littbarski, Gründel, Mill, Rummenigge.

Ritchie to move

Leeds United have agreed to sell Andy Ritchie to Portsmouth for £50,000. The forward, who moved from Brighton and Hove Albion three years ago, has been unsettled all season by the failure to agree a new pay deal.

Senegal pose main threat to big two

Cairo (AP) — Algeria and Morocco, the two African representatives at this summer's World Cup finals, will test their skills against the rest of that continent's top teams over the next two weeks as they try to capture the fifteenth African Nations Cup, which begins tomorrow.

Jose Faria, the Brazilian coach of Morocco, and Rabah Saadane, his Algerian counterpart, both say that victory in the tournament from March 7 to 21 will give their players a high degree of confidence for the World Cup. Despite the risk of injuries, Algeria and Morocco have called up most of their top players for the tournament, which is being contested in Cairo and Alexandria.

There are one or two notable absentees. The French club, Mulhouse, refused to release the Algerian forward, Salah Assad, a member of the side that beat West Germany 2-1 in a stunning upset during the last World Cup in Spain. But most of the other leading professionnals from both teams will be in Egypt and as a result, the tournament is expected to attract a hoard of "spies" from rival World Cup nations, eager to watch Algeria and Morocco at first hand.

Algeria are in the same group as Brazil, Spain and Northern Ireland in Mexico; Morocco's first-round opponents are Poland, Portugal and England.

Senegal, who have not qualified for the final round of the tournament since 1968, are undoubtedly the biggest danger to Algeria and Morocco.

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Supporters will fall foul of Mexican police at their peril

The warnings for England

"The animals are coming!" screamed a headline on the front page of a Monterrey newspaper the day after the draw for the World Cup finals was announced. Mexicans are aware as anybody of the appalling reputation of English supporters.

The Mexican Government is spending an estimated £5 million on security for the World Cup and has even gone to the length of recruiting a team of French Intelligence Police to train its officers in, among other things, riot control.

A document from the Interior Ministry notes that in recent years "major international sports events have been overshadowed by ... provoked acts" of violence. Pointed reference is made to last year's Brussels disaster, one reason why the Interior Ministry has set up a special World Cup security committee to combat, for example, what it calls "those crowds which turn to violence as a consequence of ingesting inebriating drinks".

But if the Mexican police are steeling themselves for the visit of the English followers, it would be as well also for the English — and not only the hooligans among them — to prepare themselves for the Mexican police.

"If you're arrested," a diplomat remarked this week, "it's no use appealing to the concept of your 'rights' because here in Mexico you simply don't have any rights."

Contrary to reports circulating in the British press, once you are actually in jail in Mexico, treatment is liable to be good. Conditions inside many Mexican jails compare very favourably with those in Britain where, for example, the practice of "intimate" female visits — prostitutes included — is certainly not standard practice.

The problem for any English offender would be in that dark interim period between arrest and imprisonment. The lack of more sophisticated methods of investigation means that beatings and torture are routine practice inside Mexican police stations. Even the government has admitted as much. This week, for example, a case was reported in the press of a criminal suspect tortured to death during "police interrogation".

Often such brutality is either purely gratuitous or a means used by police to rob the suspect of his money. It is a truism in Mexico that the police, far from defending the people against crime, are its main perpetrators. A case was reported in *The Times* last year of a London University professor beaten up and robbed in broad daylight by four card-carrying policemen.

All visiting supporters — of every nationality — face difficulties, but it is those who commit violent acts who are most likely to come up against the blunt edge of Mexican justice.

The British Embassy here, for which the World Cup has become "top priority", is understandably alarmed. Given that 177 Britons were arrested during the World Cup finals in Spain, it seems reasonably to expect a similar crop among the 10,000 followers expected to make the trek to Mexico. "On past form we must expect, unfortunately, that there will be troublemakers," Derek Milton, a senior diplomat, says.

The British Embassy is having what they call "consular reinforcements" especially flown in for the World Cup. Already a "working group" has been set up to forge plans for any disastrous eventualities and to try to establish contacts with the Mexican police authorities. The fact is, although the Embassy would not admit it, that knowing the right people — or having lots of money — is the best way to avoid serious legal difficulties in Mexico.

No doubt serious headaches await the British Consulate workers, none of whom would rule out the possibility that jail visiting will feature among their heavier duties once the World Cup is over.

One of the drawbacks of the Mexican legal system is that once a person is charged, that person, innocent or not, can be kept behind bars awaiting trial for anything up to 12 months.

One piece of advice British diplomats here are particularly anxious to communicate to visiting spectators is to steer well clear of drugs. The one Briton currently in jail here was indicted for possession of cocaine and is halfway through a seven-year sentence. Drug sentences in Mexico preclude any remission. Seven years is the minimum sentence for possession of any kind of drug, marijuana included, irrespective of quantity.

While the police, and the system generally in Mexico, are felt by many foreigners here to be pretty unsavoury, it should be said that Mexicans themselves have a reputation for easy-going hospitality.

After a football match here, irrespective of the result, supporters of both teams will often drink together. A Mexican will generally take an insult against his team with good humour.

Nevertheless, the English followers will come to Mexico at something of a disadvantage. "Thanks to the boorish behaviour and thoughtless remarks of the English soccer community," a sports columnist wrote this week, "England has thoroughly alienated the soccer aficionados here and will probably be the least favoured team wherever it goes."

Robson is due to visit Mexico again early next month, when he will try to compensate for his (no doubt) innocent gaffe last time around. Prejudice against the English here is not deep-rooted, jingoistic aggression being directed generally against the neighbouring Americans. Should Robson improve his public relations performance, the feeling here is that any budding anti-English sentiment could be easily suppressed. In this country, where gestures are so important, a little goodwill when the time comes could even pursuade the police, as the British Consul here gently put it, not to "over-react to high spirits".

John Carlin



Robson does his best to restore the goodwill

Sexton's squad depleted

Dave Sexton has lost eight members of his 18-strong England party which was announced on Monday for the European Championship under-21 quarter-final in Denmark next Wednesday.

Danny Wallace (Southampton), Wayne Fereday (Queen's Park Rangers), Dean Coney (Fulham), David Seaman and Paul Parker (both Birmingham City) and Mark Walters, Steve Hodge and Paul Elliott (all Aston Villa) were withdrawn because of club commitments.

● Sunderland have completed the signing of Steve Hetzke, Blackpool's captain and centre half. They will pay £30,000 and a further £10,000 when he has played 15 first-team games.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Fifth round: Tottenham Hotspur 1, Everton 2.
MILK CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Aston Villa 2, Oxford United 2.
SECOND DIVISION: Bradford City 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Hull City 4, Shrewsbury Town 3; Middlesbrough 3, Grimsby Town 1. Postponed: Fulham v Charlton Athletic.
THIRD DIVISION: Bolton Wanderers 1, York City 1; Bournemouth 2, Lincoln City; Bristol City 3, Newport County 1; Chesterfield 3, Reading 4; Doncaster Rovers 0, Blackpool 0; Gillingham 1, Plymouth Argyle 1; Notts County 0, Bristol Rovers 0. Postponed: Brentford v Darlington; Cardiff City v Rotherham United; Walsall v Wigan Athletic.
FOURTH DIVISION: Crewe Alexandra 4, Scunthorpe United 0; Exeter City 0, Swindon Town 3; Mansfield Town 0, Chester City 0; Wrexham 1, Northampton Town 0. Postponed: Aldershot v Hereford United; Colchester United v Burnley; Rochdale v Orient.
SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round: St Mirren 1, Falkirk 1
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Arbroath 1, Albion Rovers 7; Berwick Rangers 4, Stranraer 0; Stirling Albion 4, Stenhousemuir 0.
UEFA CUP: Quarter-final: First leg: Sporting Lisbon 1, Cologne 1.
GOLA LEAGUE: Dartford 2, Enfield 3. Bob Lord Trophy: Semi-final: Runcorn 0, Stafford 0 (aet).
FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Leek 5, Wycombe 5 (aet; score at 90 mins 4-4).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton 1, Birmingham 3; Southampton 7, Brighton 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 2, Liverpool 1; Newcastle 2, Sheffield United 0. Second division: Oldham 2, Port Vale 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Gosport 1, Alvechurch 1.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole 1, Southport 5.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leyton-Wingate 0, St Albans 3; Oxford City 2, Bromley 2. AC Delco Cup: Fourth round: Hayes 1, Famborough 2.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Kingstonian 1, Sutton United 6.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff 16, Llanelli 16; Neath 18, Pontypool 12; Plymouth Albion 30, British Telecom 4.

BADMINTON

Players at odds with new manager

By Richard Eaton

Badminton's domestic strife began to reach farcical proportions with the announcement of England's squad for the European championships yesterday. It lacks four of its best-known players.

Steve Baddeley and Nick Yates, the top two singles players whose affairs are handled by the management company, Walker International, have decided to go their own way; Martin Dew and Norah Perry, the two leading doubles players, are omitted, just as they were from the Thomas and Uber Cups, presumably because they will not travel with the team to the finals in Jakarta — although the relevance of this to the European championships in Uppsala, Sweden, has not been made clear.

Baddeley's and Yates's decisions are probably the more significant for the long-term prospects of the game. However, it is Dew and Perry who will continue gaining the attention with their vituperative remarks about the new manager, Jake Downey, who does not help matters by sometimes playing games with words.

Perry, one of Britain's finest players, who for 12 years has never been controversial, is now saying she would not play for England again and could never even consider making her talent and experience available for coaching or selection with the Badminton Association while Downey is in charge, all of which is very sad. Dew says: "It's not just me, it's a lot more people. There are others who have problems." If so, things may escalate yet further.

The first-hint that Dew may indeed be right came when the European champion, Helen Troke, usually the mildest of creatures, also burst into criticism. She had seemingly been promised that she would be picked in doubles and has also, by all accounts, not been selected for this event.

"I continue to be snubbed which affects my opportunities to gain medals," she said. "In snubbing me he reduces my chances of media exposure, which gives my sponsor less exposure, which can have an adverse effect on my contract."

England's chances of earning medals are probably still quite good because of the strength and depth of the squad, although coming close to matching the five golds out of a possible six achieved last time is out of the question.

The long-term chances of doing well must be endangered while such a one-sided war of words goes on. Downey is probably an excellent coach but his shortcomings in public relations contribute to the farce. "What controversy, what disagreements?" he says. "Unless I know what they are I can't say anything."

He and Mrs Perry are said to have agreed to be interviewed by Gerald Williams on BBC television — so we can expect that the unlaundered linen will be strung even further along the line.

SQUAD: Men: D Hall (Essex), S Butler (Warwickshire), A Goode (Herts), N Tier (Hampshire), D Taylor (Middlesex). Women: H Troke (Hampshire), F Elliott (Surrey), G Gowers (Sussex), G Clark (Kent), K Beckman (Surrey), S Halsall (Lancashire).

HOCKEY

Hurley is new manager of Great Britain

By Joyce Whitehead

The new manager of the Great Britain squad is Lesley Hurley, a former international captain who played for Leicestershire, the Midlands and England and represented Great Britain in 1978. She played in the world championship in Edinburgh in 1975 and captained England in Vancouver in 1979.

Great Britain are facing difficulties over their preparations for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. Following Olympic acceptance in 1980, only one team from each country was considered; Great Britain were the choice.

But hockey, since the turn of the century, has been played at international level by England, Scotland and Wales, and they feel aggrieved that, having refused to give up their identity, they cannot be included.

It is a Catch 22 situation for Great Britain. To qualify, they must have a track record; but opportunities are rare: England and Scotland are taking part in this summer's World Cup, and Great Britain will not feature in other tournaments such as the one in Australia next month.

There is one tournament scheduled in Edinburgh next year and, it is to be hoped, more invitations will come in. But arrangements are going ahead and after the home countries' tournament next month, a group of 30 players will be selected to start training.

IN BRIEF

Shooting for home

Kerry Davis, whose goalscoring exploits have taken her to Lazio, a leading Italian club, returns home to join the England women's squad for Sunday week's UEFA Cup qualifying match against Northern Ireland at Ewood Park, Blackburn.

TEAM (from): T Wiseman (Fulham), H King (Biggleswade), S Law (Southwick), J Slack (Norwich), D Bampton (Millwall), A Cellmore (Broadoak, Manchester), G Coulthard (Doncaster), H Powell (Millwall), J Sherrard (Doncaster), B Sampare (Fulham) M Spacey (Fulham), K Davis (Lazio), L Cart (Norwich), J Turner (Broadoak, Manchester).

MOTORCYCLING: The International Motorcycling Federation, yielding to demands by grand prix racers, has said it will increase prize money for the next two seasons by about one third.

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BOXING: THE BATTLE TO CASH IN AS BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT HITS THE JACKPOT

Bruno becomes ace in pack for Las Vegas discussions with King

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The noises at Frank Bruno's Royal Oak gym in Canning Town were different: no rope upon wood or leather on leather, but the chirrup of cameras and pecking with questions by soft-bellied journalists at the big man's face. Questions, questions, questions.

"Yes, I want to get a helicopter when I am rich. You want an exclusive? Another exclusive? All right, I'll give you another exclusive."

Everywhere the large black eyes of television lenses. It was a wonderful morning after the night before when Bruno had demolished Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, in one round at Wembley to become the no. 1 World Boxing Association challenger. Coetzee's ring days were over, he would soon announce his retirement, but things could only get better and better for Bruno.

There were decisions to make but his backers would see to that. It was the type of feeling one gets when leaving on a well-earned holiday. Bruno and his manager, Terry Lawless, had been rung up by Mickey Duff, their promoter, from America the night before while they were having a celebration dinner and asked to fly immediately to Las Vegas to be present at the Marvin Hagler-John Mugabi world middleweight title bout.

Everybody who is anybody would be there. The British contender would be a valuable card in Duff's hand in his talks with Don King, the big American promoter, who also manages the WBA champion, Tim Witherspoon.

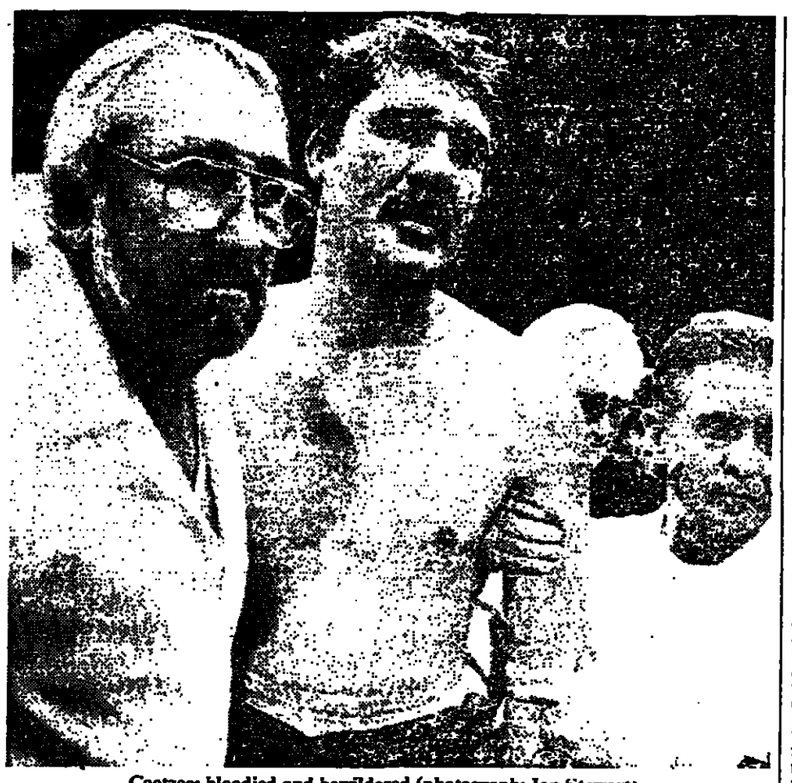
Bruno could look forward to a £5 million date with Witherspoon at Wembley Stadium in June, but it is almost certain that in setting up this contest, King would insist that if Bruno won he would have to be part of a tournament organized by King and Home Box Office, the television company, to find the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. That, in fact, would mean that the WBA title would represent only onethird of the crown unifying the WBA, the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation crowns.

The tournament starts on March 22 in America when Trevor Berbick meets Pinklon Thomas, the WBC champion; on April 19, Larry Holmes meets Michael Spinks, the IBF champion; and on June 14 at Wembley it could be Bruno v Witherspoon. Thereafter there will be fight-offs between champions. It is not certain yet how the world bodies will react to being taken along by the American entrepreneur; but it is believed the scheme is too big for them to resist.

The idea might not suit Bruno's backers as King obviously would be dictating terms. The British promoters, Duff and Mike Barrett, naturally want to cash in on the success of their show on Tuesday when they had a full house for the first time in a long while. Everyone was so elated with Bruno's knock-out punch that the promoters feel they could get 75,000 at Wembley in June. That would allow them to make a big enough offer to King, to enable him to let the British promoters run that part of the tournament of champions.

Lawless was absolutely delighted with Bruno's performance. "I have always said he is the best in the world," he said. "And he'll beat anyone." Of course, no one except Coetzee knew how much he had to give, though Duff, who made the match, must have had a shrewd idea that there was very little left in the South African.

Coetzee came into the ring at 16st 9lb, six pounds heavier than Bruno, which means he must have been around 17st not so long ago. On entering the ring he pulled the blue and orange national colours of his trunks over his stomach. He looked too soft and smooth and too well sun-tanned. He had not even bothered to have a hair trim as a soldier might before going into battle.



Coetzee: bloodied and bewildered (photograph: Ian Stewart)

Once the bell went, and confronted by the heavily muscled figure of Bruno, the former world champion shrank in statue by the second and there seemed no heart in his fight. In that abrasive Wembley roar Coetzee's jabs sounded like matches failing to light. When he was caught by Bruno's right the first time, he dropped to the floor and sat there with a look on his face of a man who had forgotten what it felt like being hit.

But all credit to Bruno for executing his part of the bargain with calculated efficiency. After Coetzee had picked himself up and been given a count of eight and told to box on, Bruno hit him with an even harder right which sent him through the ropes. The referee, Guy Jutras, of Canada, could have counted him out but stopped the bout.

It might have been better if the contest had gone further. Not that there would have been any other outcome, but it would have showed us how much of Coetzee there actually was under the flab. This would have been useful in assessing Bruno's achievement for when he meets Witherspoon.

GOLF

Why Doral club have dispensed with Ballesteros

From John Ballantine, Miami

Severiano Ballesteros, like any prophet in his own country, never did much good in the annual tournament here at his own club, the Doral Country Club, and last year he failed to qualify in the Doral-Eastern Open.

It is not his regularly poor performances, however, that have caused the club to decide against renewing his contract as their touring professional when it runs out at the end of the year so much as the fact that the Spaniard, who has been banned from all but a handful of events, will be seen too little in the United States to make his attachment to Doral worthwhile.

"What's in it for me?" is a commonly heard expression in commercial circles here and Ballesteros's misfortune is just another example of financial pragmatism. Apparently he has decided to defend his title in New Orleans in a fortnight's time and it is going to be very interesting to see what the unforgiving side of the Spaniard's nature will produce both there and at the Masters three weeks later.

Meanwhile, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ken Brown are in the strong draw for the Doral Open which has an increased purse of $500,000 and which begins here today on the 7,065-yard blue course nicknamed "The Blue Monster" because of the many lakes which reflect the perpetual azure skies.

Jack Nicklaus, who was a winner here in 1972 and 1975, will fly down by helicopter each day from his home in North Farm Beach and a late surprise was the entry of Tom Watson who has not only never won here but, uncharacteristically, has not won anywhere for 18 months.

Watson was reminded with Yankee brashness by somebody yesterday of Arnold Palmer's recent remark: "While I believe Tom Watson remains one of the finest golfers in the world, he seems to have lost momentum which I doubt that he can recover."

Watson produced his best Huckleberry Finn smile. "Something is going to happen soon. My form has been affected by having a family and trying to learn to deal with being a parent," he said, referring to his daughter, Meg, aged six, and his son, Mike, three.

"I wasn't very well organized last year because I wanted to spend more time with them and so I didn't practice as much as I used to, or probably needed to.

"But Meg goes to school now and with my wife, Linda, usually at home I do have more time for my golf. It's just taking a while to get myself organized, hopefully back to where I was." The last time Watson played here was in 1978 when he missed the cut.

There was an exciting and unusual finish last year when Mark McCumber, the eventual winner, drove so far to the right to miss the last big lake which collects hooks that he "lost" his ball. A steward pointed it out in a tree, but, with the five minutes searching time almost up, the ball was discovered in the rough and McCumber played on to beat Tom Kite by one stroke.

The French correction benefits Britain

Bamford applies a little psychology

Last season Great Britain thrashed France 50-4 at Headingley. Last Saturday at Wigan, the scoreline was 24-10 in Great Britain's favour, but the British coach, Maurice Bamford, regards Saturday's result as infinitely more satisfying and constructive.

In the space of 12 months France have developed from an undisciplined squad of individuals, whose heads have dropped at the first sign of trouble away from home, into a well-drilled, disciplined team who are a match for any of the Rugby League international sides.

The new French coach, Tas Baitieri, who was born in Australia but has settled in France, has got to grips with the players and their temperaments at both senior and under-21 level, and in the first Whitbread Trophy international at Avignon, France were unlucky to get no more than a 10-10 draw against a scrappy Great Britain.

That is why Bamford was delighted by the 24-10 victory at Central Park. "If we are to do anything at all against Australia in the autumn we need to be extended, and the French certainly did that to us in our two matches. Easy victories against poor French sides are no good as preparation for matches against the Australians.

"Baitieri and his players did us a big favour by playing it hard and producing some excellent attacking moves. They stretched us in attack and defence, and highlighted any weaknesses."

Bamford's big problem now is to keep the momentum going until October. There will be frequent squad training and weekend schools. He and the management team of Les Bettinson, the manager, and Phil Larder, the coach, will continue to monitor the progress of players both inside and outside the current squad.

Last Saturday's international showed that there would be severe competition for places in the squad, with four new caps taking over from injured experienced players.

Bamford also has a trump card up his sleeve. He is considering employing the services of a psychologist or psycho-analyst during part of the preparation for the autumn visit of the Kangaroos.

Bamford feels that the players can benefit from squad togetherness supervised by a psycho-analyst, with introspective players having their personalities brought out and short-tempered players encouraged to acquire restraint.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

EQUESTRIANISM

Massarella returns to the fold

By Jenny MacArthur

Louis Massarella, who was absent from last year's National Light Horse Breeding Society's (HIS) Thoroughbred Stallion Show after a disagreement with the HIS, has returned to the fold and today exhibits no fewer than eight stallions in the annual show at Park Paddocks, Newmarket.

Massarella, who won the overall championship with Barley Hill in 1984, numbers Bohemond, Cornishman, Turn Back The Time and Big Connaught among his entries this year. Big Connaught, winner of last year's Audi Cars Young Stallion Championship when owned by Mrs Watkins, carries his hopes for the overall championship this year in which, now that Max Abram's Current Magic will not be shown again, his main rival is likely to be last year's champion stallion, Tim Le Grice's Shaab, a 16.3hh bay by Busted.

Martin Sanders's Prince of Peace, a six-year-old by Busted out of Miel, is one of the most interesting of the 12 entries in this year's Audi Sport Young Stallion Championship for stallions which have not been out of training for more than two years and which have not stood at stud for more than one year.

ROWING

An exciting year is undermined

By Jim Railton

British rowing is looking forward to an exciting year. The calendar includes a five-day Henley Regatta; the Commonwealth Games Regatta, which takes place in Strathclyde (an excellent course); and the world championships which will, for the second time, be held in Nottingham. It is a time for optimism.

The recent appointment of Miss Penelope Chuter as director of international rowing by the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) has not, however, been well received by some internationals. The post was not advertised: if it had been it might have attracted applications from a number of Western countries and, possibly, a defection or two from the East.

Miss Chuter stoically sat through an embarrassing discussion at the ARA council meeting on Tuesday and I have the distinct impression that not everyone is pulling together in the sport.

The ARA has still to find a main sponsor for the world championships despite the fact that the BBC will transmit the semi-finals and finals on August 22 to 24. A sponsor will, however, provide press facilities worth £30,000: this will be officially announced on March 29 which, according to my diary, is Boat Race day — thus guaranteeing minimum coverage for the patron.

When the naturalized Czechoslavak, Bohumil Jansousek, was national coach, competition for places in the British squad was intense: that is how it should be. The latest policy statement on the selection of the British team for the Commonwealth Games and the world championships creates a rather different climate, reminding oarsmen that if they compete for a club other than their registered club and the ARA squad national crews they will be automatically deregistered.

Some things, of course, have improved. Sixteen years ago there was discussion in high circles on the length of hair displayed by Thames Tradesmen's British coxless four.

This year, British rowing will be marked by the issue of an official stamp by the Post Office. Spring beckons. The Boat Race takes place on March 29 and, on the preceding weekend, the heart of British rowing will be at the Tideway, in the Head of the River race, and at Henley where the university women's race will take place.

SQUASH RACKETS

Tentacles clipped at great cost

By Colin McQuillan

Cannons, the fashionable London club independently financing a hand-picked professional squad in the American Express Premier League, have failed by the narrowest margin, and at considerable cost, to halt the march of Ardleigh Hall towards the league championship.

A painstaking 82-minute recovery by Ahmed Safwat, who was two games and a match point down to Paul Symonds at second string, was the vital factor in favour of Ardleigh Hall, the Essex club that might be seen as a mere country cousin to Cannons, a London tentacle of the Jack Chia international hotel and leisure group.

Much publicity was generated around the decision of Cannons to spend more than £1,000, on top of their existing £20,000 league budget, flying Hickox and Lee back from the French Open championships in Paris to maintain their late league challenge.

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 2, Ardleigh Hall 5; Dunnings Mill 3, Armley 2; Edgbaston Priory 3, Manchester Northern 2; Squash Leicester 5, Nottingham 0. League positions: 1, Ardleigh Hall, 78pts, Chapel Allerton, 65; 3, Cannons, 63; 4, Squash Leicester, 60; 5, Edgbaston Priory, 59; 6, Manchester Northern, 57; 7, Nottingham, 54; 8, Dunnings Mill, 48; 9, Armley, 40; 10, Redwood Lodge, 24.

Fish that has boffins on hook

Sea trout mystery is fathomless

By Conrad Voss Bark

Scientists are still puzzled by the sea trout. It is not surprising. The sea trout was once described as a fish without a home whose ways were mysterious to man. They still are. A collection of 36 distinguished scientists — biologists, zoologists, ichthyologists — from institutes and universities from all parts of the British Isles spent three days analysing and discussing sea trout at a seminar organized by the Welsh Water Authority for the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

David Le Cren, until recently director of the Freshwater Biological Association, said that one of the first questions the scientists asked, and one that recurred throughout the discussions, was: what are sea trout? Biologically, they belong to the same species as the brown trout, *Salmo trutta*, but their behaviour is very different.

In some rivers the female sea trout goes down to the sea while the male remains in the river. Does he remain a sea trout or is he a brown trout that will fertilize the female sea trout on her way back to the spawning grounds? And now scientists have discovered genetic differences. Going back to the ice age, there appear to be two types of sea trout.

Anglers themselves are not infrequently puzzled by catching a sea trout which has all the markings of a brown trout and yet is certainly coming back from the sea. I saw one only last year, a fish of just under four pounds, taken from the Newport River in co Mayo. It had perfect brown trout markings.

One surprise in the 40-page report of the seminar is the suggestion that commercial netting of the sea trout could be extended further into the present close season. Writing about the coastal netting of sea trout off the Northumbrian coast, estimated to take about 55 tons of them a year, the report says that as a great part of the migration takes place after the legal netting ends on August 31, an extension of the season into the autumn would increase the yield, though there might be an undesirable exploitation of the salmon. By golly, I bet there would be!

The report, *The Biology of the Sea Trout*, can be obtained, price £1.50, from the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5JQ.

FISHING

RACING: HUNGARY HUR MISSES CHELTENHAM AFTER TRAINING SETBACK

Storey in form for Festival

Will Storey, who will have his first Cheltenham runner next week when he saddles Santopadre for the Triumph Hurdle, showed that his Consett string are in fine fettle by sending out Star's Delight to win the first division of the Hornby Novices' Hurdle at Catterick Bridge yesterday.

Star's Delight was pushed into the lead approaching the last by David Telfer, the conditional jockey, and went on to beat the favourite, Aguada Beach, by 1½ lengths. A bargain buy at 560 guineas, Star's Delight was paying a handsome compliment to Santopadre who beat him by 11½ lengths at Newcastle in December.

Storey, who has been working his horses on the beach during the freeze, was understandably delighted to win the first race in mainland Britain for a month but not all the trainers at Catterick were convinced the course was fit for racing.

Jimmy FitzGerald walked the course before the meeting and decided to take out his six intended runners. "The course still has patches of frost in the shaded areas and I have decided to pull my horses out. It would have been nice to see how they shaped, but it is not worth risking them in the conditions," Fitzgerald said.

Matelot landed his third win from seven outings when capturing the Rudby Selling Hurdle by two lengths from Empire Sands. The winner, who was always moving smoothly, led at the last to provide Mick Naughton with his seventh winner of the season from his team of 16 jumpers.

Naughton now intends to run the four-year-old in a handicap at Hexham on Saturday week. Allten Glazed, Naughton's intended runner in Tuesday's Arkle Challenge Trophy, was pulled out of the Newby Novices' Chase.

● Canute Express, one of the most promising young hurdlers in Ireland, travels to Chepstow on Saturday for the £12,000 *Racing Post* Hurdle. Homer Scott's five-year-old, a winner at Leopardstown last month, will be partnered by the amateur, Lorcan Wyer.

Punchestown fences should test Dawn Run and O'Neill

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Dawn Run's final trial for next Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup will take place on Punchestown racecourse early this morning. Her trainer, Paddy Mullins, confirmed that John O'Neill would ride the mare over the testing Punchestown fences.

O'Neill has yet to partner Dawn Run in a steeplechase but he rode the mare two years ago when she won the Champion Hurdle. Dawn Run has pleased her trainer in recent weeks as he has kept her well on the move through the big freeze.

However, Mullins had less happy news of another would-be Cheltenham challenger, Hungary Hur. After meeting with a training setback, Hungary Hur will now miss the Sun Alliance Chase, for which he would surely have been one of the market leaders.

All Irish courses appear to have recovered from the freeze and be fit for racing. They can expect large fields from now on as racing-starved trainers try to make up for lost time. Today's meeting is at Wexford but unfortunately this course has a very low safety limit. As the maximum number of runners in any race is 15, more than 40 horses had to be ballotted out by the Turf Club.

The banker is Ross Fandango, a very useful juvenile hurdler three seasons ago but one who has since proved hard to train. He showed clear evidence of a return to his best at Down Royal last month when he finished a creditable fourth to Herbert United.

The winner went on to land the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle on the disqualification of Kesslin and, even with 11st 11lb, Ross Fandango still looks well treated in the Spring Handicap Hurdle as the maximum weight concession he has to make to any of his nine opponents is 16lb.

Carnival's Over, the winner of his only hunter chase three seasons ago, should be up to conceding 5lb to Ballymullish in the St Aiden's Hunters' Chase as Ballymullish jumped erratically when fifth to Attitude Adjuster at Thurles recently.

The maiden flat race on this programme is open to claiming professionals as well as amateur riders. One such professional, Kevin Barry Walsh, has been making a name for himself in recent months and he rides the probable winner, Spring Pauper, who finished third to All The Fools at Naas.

Lucky Baloo did well on the Flat last year and could offer strong opposition to the more experienced Lucille Lady in the first division of the Wexford European Breeders' Fund Maiden Hurdle, which is confined to mares.

There will be plenty of opposition to the Paddy Mullins-trained Dancing Shoon in the second division and here I side with Camden Belle who looked on the upgrade when finishing fourth in a large field to Kiora in a similar contest at Naas.



O'Neill: yet to ride Dawn Run in a steeplechase

Results from Catterick Bridge

GOING: Good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, STAR'S DELIGHT (D Telfer, 13-2); 2, Aguada Beach (J J O'Neill, 6-5 Fav); 3, Owen Herbert (G Harker, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8-1 Upgown, 8-1 Hobournes 4th, 14-1 Bullom 5th, 16-1 Fancalina, Le Puz d'Or 6th, 20-1 Crowfoot's Couture, Dance on Water P/U, 25-1 Bordeaux Rouge, 33-1 Aviation Support, Cider Spy, Gang On Lad, Travello UR, Owen Scott. 16 ran. NR:Prince Oberon, Capricorn Saint. Al-Alam, Timurs Gift. 1½l, 15l, 12l, 1½l, 20l. W Storey at Consett. TOTE: £4.20: £1.40, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £16.82.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, MATELOT (G Bradley, 3-1 Jt- Fav); 2, Empire Bande (G Harker, 13-2); 3, Hidweidabop (M Hammond, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 Jt-Fav Philly Athletic 11. Also Ran: 3-1 Jt-Fav Philly Athletic 3rd, 10-1 Northern Review 4th, 16-1 Mr BD, 10-1 Northern Review 4th, 16-1 Mr Mickey Finn, 20-1 Dervella, Dd-Ht 5th, Ma Gigi F, Kan , 20-1 Dervella Dd-Ht 5th, Prohibition Boy , 25-1 Silver Ducat, Blue Plazza, Jayel Lady, Lubus. 14 ran. NR: Jack In The Green, Kuwait Lad, Welsh Vale, Call Me Clara, Kam Hill, Name the Game. 2l, 4l, 25l, 8l, Dd Ht. M Naughton at Richmond. TOTE: £3.30; £1.40; £2.90, £1.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £23.34. No bid

3.15 (3m 300yd chl) 1, SINGALONG SAM (B Storey, 11-2); 2, Cool Magic (B Nolan, 16-1); 3, Welfare (D Coakley, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Fav Skawsby P.U., 7-2 Prince Sandiago 5th, 10-1 Little Midge 6th, 11-1 Ivacop 4th, 12-1 Tudor Foty, 8 ran.NR: Door Step, Baily-Go, Rathcolman Lane, Sea Splash, Tiarlanse. 8l, 1½l, 4l, dist, 7l. F Watson at Sedgefield.TOTE: £7.70; £1.20, £5.00, £1.20. DF: £114.90. CSF: £98.25. Tricast: £432.83.

3.45 (3m 300 yd chl) 1, LING HALL (Mr D Kinsella, 5-1); 2, Belgrave Gazette (Mr J Greenall, 10-1); 3, Local Councillor (Miss S Mackley, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 Fav Lombardy Star U/R, 9-2 Netherby Ghost F, 8-1 Red Pontiac 4th, 9-1 Comarch P/U, Moons Quadrille 5th, 25-1 Huntermac P/U, Sweet Frank U/R, Trumpton P/U, Edenburt, Fast Dancer F, Horley 8th, Lucanny P/U. 15 ran. NR:Shackin Brig, Leanita. 20l, 3l, 3l, 8l, not recorded. Mrs P A Russell at York. TOTE: £8.50; £2.10, £2.90, £10.50. DF: £32.90. CSF: £46.93.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, FREE TO GO (A McGilligan, 10-1); 2, Burnt Waltz (G Martin, 16-1); 3, Decent Creek (Mr T Reed, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Fav Lucky Fen P/U, 7-2 The Black Sark, 4-1 Heathervale P/U, 10-1 Mussel Will 5th, 14-1 Strictly Business, 16-1 Bombard, Travel Horse 8th, 25-1 Silver Cannon, Silver Tamaris P/U, Spain Again, 33-1 Hand Signal, Miss Woody 4th. Tracing Places, Dalton Dandy. 17 ran. NR: Carol's Music, Richard Lionheart, Tawny Spirit, Loch Lover. 8l,6l, 5l, 5l, 2½l. M Naughton at Richmond. TOTE: £40.40; £22.10, £3.00, £13.80. DF: 1st or 2nd with any other horse: £9.80. CSF: £160.12.

4.45 (2m chl) 1, PERGY FOSTER (R Lamb, 4-1); 2, Randy Ranch (D Nolan, 20-1); 3, Sandsmelter (Mr R Morley, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 Fav Cool Deerson 4th, 7-1 Shooter Prince, 16-1 Taser, 20-1 Peter The Butcher P/U, 25-1 Spokesfare, 50-1 Tullycanna, Abjad P/U, Chrisaest 6th, Rik 5th. 12 ran. NR: Allan Glazed, East Park, Jondale, The Ridings, Brianala. 9l, 15l, ½l, 20l, 1l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £5.50; £1.40, £2.90, £5.70. DF: £31.40. CSF: £72.06.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, TEWIT CASTLE (Mr H Brown, 16-1); 2, Mousale (M Hill, 2-1 fav); 3, Hanging Fire (D Cordell, 12-1). Also ran: 7-2 Panto Girl, 8 Cool Courage (ro), 10 Pauper Moon, 12 Linghare Bride, Red Metal, Rosies Son (6th). 14 Fill Absurper, Forest Moor Lad, 16 Howe Tony, 20 Blendex (4th), Reladio (5th), 25 Gypsy For Sure, Restandbethankful. 33 Kera. Maha. 18 ran. NR: Greer, See You There, Gype Gift, Nikoola Eve, Just Smokey. 1½l, 3l, 3l, 2l, 10l. D Lee at Kirkbymoorside. Tote: £20.10; £5.50, £1.60, £6.70. DF: £109.80. CSF: £85.23.

Placepot: not won — pool of £1,139.80 carried forward to Sandown today.

WEXFORD

GOING: yielding to soft

2.30 WEXFORD EBF MARES MAIDEN HURDLE (Div 1:£1725:2m) (18 runners)

1	-000	CHRISTMAS KATE P D McCreery 6-12-0		P McCormack (3)
2	-140	DORINDA'S PET A J Keane 6-12-0		M Moran
3	-004	LUCILLE LADY F Flood 5-11-2		F Berry
4	-004	PALE PETAL W Newman 5-11-12		H Rogers
5	-000	RAMBLING GOLD P Mullins 5-11-12		A Mullins
6	-000	KNOCKBOY DREAM T Knane 6-11-6		T Knane
7	-002	ST BLUE C G O'Donovan 6-11-5		Mr R Tyner (7)
8	-003	KISS THE BRIDE W Fennin 4-11-4		P P Knane (7)
9	-400	LADY'S GUEST M A O'Toole 5-11-4		N Madden
10	-130	LUCKY BALOO Ms J Morgan 4-11-4		T McGivern
11	-9	THE GENERAL'S ROSE Capt C J Power 5-11-4		Mr H Kirk (3)
12	-040	BIRCHWOOD J Crowley 4-10-13		Mr R F Dalton
13		LISSANHUNG P Day 4-10-13		Mr R Day (7)
14	-00	OUR IMAGE B V Kelly 4-10-13		F Skelly
15	F	RATHVILLY FLYER O McEntee 4-10-13		C O'Dwyer

5-2 Lucille Lady, 3-1 Kiss The Bride, 5-1 Lucky Baloo, 6-1 Rambling Gold, 8-1 Birchwood & St Blue, 10-1 Dorinda's Pet, 12-1 others.

3.0 WEXFORD EBF MARES MAIDEN HURDLE(Div 2:£1725:2m) (18)

1	-041	DEBBIES FRIEND J J Mangan 6-12-0		Mr J J Mangan (3)
2	-1P3	DANCING SHOON P Mullins 5-11-12		A Mullins
3	-400	JACKSON MISS D T Hughes 5-11-12		T Morgan
4	-000	LITTLE DUCKLING J P Harty 6-11-6		T G McCourt
5	-000	ROCINDA W Newman 6-11-6		H Rogers
6	-000	SEEKER AGAIN P J P Doyle 6-11-6		A Powell
7	-240	GAY RHAPSODY N Meade 4-11-4		P Leech
8	-023	LADY BOW F Flood 5-11-4		F Berry
9	-020	LADY COOMBE P Hughes 4-11-4		M Flynn
10	-440	SWIFT TIDE T V O'Connell 5-11-4		T V O'Connell
11		ADVERB James Murphy 4-10-13		T Townend
12	-004	CAMDEN BELLE B Malone 4-10-13		T McGivern
13	-00	LOVES A LADY V Kennedy 4-10-13		R D Donavan
14	000	POTTLERATH T Nicholson 4-10-13		P P Kinnane 7
15	-000	SHANKILL ANNA T Bergin 4-10-13		N Madden

9-4 Dancing Shoon, 7-2 Camden Belle, 9-2 Lady Bow, 5-2 Lady Coombe, 7-1 Debbies Friend, 8-1 Jackson Miss, 10-1 Gay Rhapsody, 14-1 others.

3.30 ST AIDEN'S HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs:£690:3m) (9)

1		CARNIVAL'S OVER J L Hassett 8-12-5		Mr D Hassett (3)
2	U	ANOTHER STUBBS R Valentine 7-12-0		Mr B Coburn
3	0	BALLYMULLISH T Costello 8-12-0		Mr T Costello
4		CLONROCHE GAZETTE A Murphy 6-12-0		
5	-000	LEAPY LADY 10-12-0		Mr R Kehoe (7)
6	-300	RUBBER GLOVES J O'Connor 7-12-0		Mr D O'Connor (3)
7	-40F	SANDY HUSSAR J L Rothwell 7-12-0		Mr S Slevin (7)
8	F	TALBOTS HILL M Donohoe 8-12-0		Mr R Donohe (7)
9		ARTISTIC LOVE Mrs P Gavin 5-11-6		Mr D P Costello (7)

15-8 Ballymullish, 5-2 Carnival's Over, 11-2 Leapy Lacy, 7-1 Rubber Gloves, 10-1 Another Stubbs, 14-1 others.

4.0 RATHNURE U S D HANDICAP CHASE (£828:3m) (13)

1	P	MOUNTRATH P D McCreery 10-11-8		P McCormack (3)
2	F10	QUICKDEAL F Flood 6-11-7		C O'Dwyer
3	-230	GLEN MIEL James Murphy 8-11-4		T Townend
4	F44	EADESTOWN D Day 7-11-2		Mr R Day (7)
5	-040	PATCHING B V Kelly 8-11-2		T McGivern
6	-421	RAVEN RIVER P Mullins 9-10-13		P J Coney (7)
7	P02	ROYAL SAM T O'Callaghan 9-10-10		T J Taaffe
8	-024	SHAHREZA P Mullins 8-10-10		A Mullins
9	F00	CEART GO LEOR Miss S Finn 6-10-2		M M Lynch
10	-000	CLAREMORE BOY T Carberry 7-9-13		P Gill
11	-002	DIXAN C King 10-9-11		R A Fahey (7)
12	R12	LADY MEARLANE T O'Neill 6-9-11		T O'Neill (3)
13	F0F	HIGHLAND FIRTH T Bergin 8-9-8		M Moran

3-1 Quickdeal, 7-2 Lady Mearlane, 9-2 Shahreza, 6-1 Dixan, 8-1 Glen Miel , Royal Sam, 12-1 others.

4.30 CLOUGHBAWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£828:2m) (18)

1	-000	HOMEPATH J H Scott 8-11-11		K F O'Brien
2	P00	CLEVER FOX J L Hassett 6-11-7		R O'Donovan
3	-000	FAIROGAN D T Hughes 6-11-5		T Morgan
4	-4RR	GALLOP RHYTHM D McDonogh 5-11-4		H Rogers
5	-213	ROMERHOF Miss S Finn 5-11-4		M M Lynch
6	-242	JOLLY MARINER F J Lacy 6-11-2		A Powell
7	-000	MUSCODOVA M J Grassick 5-11-2		C O'Dwyer
8	-100	LOCAL TOWER F Warren 5-11-1		P Gill
9	-000	GLORY HUNTER J G Groome 6-11-0		P McCormack (3)
10	-324	HURRICANE ANNIE E O'Dwyer 8-11-0		K B Walsh (7)
11	-000	MOU-DAFA R Coonan 8-11-0		S Doyle
12	-000	PAS CHOICE P D McCreery 7-11-0		T J Taaffe
13	-000	PAUPERS PRIDE V Bowens 6-11-0		
14	F00	SEOIDIN R Walsh 10-11-0		R Hendrick (5)
15	-400	WIN EM ALL J R Phelan 8-11-0		Mr P J Vaughan (7)

3-1 Romerhof, 4-1 Jolly Mariner, 6-1 Glory Hunter & Homepath, 8-1 Clever Fox, Fairogan, 10-1 Hurricane Annie, 14-1 others.

Wexford selections

2.30 Lucille Lady. 3.0 Camden Belle. 3.30 Carnival's Over. 4.0 Lady Mearlane. 4.30 Romerhof. 5.0 Ross Fandango. 5.30 Spring Pauper.

5.0 SPRING LTD USD HANDICAP HURDLE (£828:2m) (10)

1	-004	ROSS FANDANGO T Carberry 7-11-11		N Madden
2	-421	SHACK STREET Miss E Purcell 10-11-8		Mr P A Deegan (7)
3	-213	DANMARA Ms J Morgan 5-11-5		bl T McGivern
4	-100	FLYING FERRET A Redmond 5-11-5		A Powell
5	-024	KNOCKERRA J R H Fowler 6-11-3		Mr J Fowler
6	-100	EQUANAID E J O'Grady 8-11-1		T J Ryan
7	-140	WILDWOOD F M O'Brien 8-11-0		A J O'Brien
8	-311	PAOLO PRIMO P Hughes 5-10-12		bl M Flynn
9	-043	LAVARNA LADY D McDonogh 6-10-10		H Rogers
10	-00	CABAIRE A Murphy 5-10-9		C O'Dwyer

5-2 Danmara, 7-2 Knockerra, 5-1 Ross Fandango & Paolo Primo, 7-1 Shack Street, 8-1 Wildwood, 10-1 Equanaid, 12-1 Lavarna Lady, 16-1 others.

5.30 ROSSLARE PRO/AM 5YO FLAT RACE (£828:2m) (18)

1		ABBEYSIDE PUB T FitzGerald 12-0		
2	-000	BALLEEN RIVER M Bowe 12-0		Mr M Bowe (7)
3	-000	KILLINICK DUKE J J O'Connor 12-0		
4	-000	RARE MOBILE M J Hogan 12-0		Mr M Hogan (7)
5	-023	SPRING PAUPER F Flood 12-0		K B Walsh (7)
6	-000	THE FIXER P Mullins 12-0		Mr P McCarthy (7)
7	-400	ABBEY STREAM T Bergin 11-11		Mr P J Vaughan (7)
8	-00	ANAGLOG DREAM D McDonald 11-11		Mr G Meaney (7)
9	-0	bOROUILLA W Deacon 11-11		Mr R McCabe (7)
10	-0	COURT HUSSAR Miss S Finn 11-11		Mr E McNamara (7)
11		DEEP PRINCESS N J Tector 11-11		Mr N R Tector (7)
12	-000	DONEGAL STAR J J Casey 11-11		Mr A O'Donovan (7)
13	-00	KATHLEEN'S CHOICE J O'Shea 11-11		bl –
14	-000	SAFARI DANCER L T Reilly 11-11		–
15	-234	SWANS BOG W T Bourke 11-11		Mr J A Berry (7)

El Mansour out

El Mansour, a 20-1 chance, was one of several fancied horses withdrawn at yesterday's second acceptance stage for the William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster on March 22. Bill Watts, who trains the seven-year-old gelding, said that he could not get him ready in time.

The sponsors' revised betting is: 8-1 Well Rigged, 14-1 Rana Pratap and Virgin Isle, 20-1 Advance, Go Banana's, Try To Stop Me and Christian Schad, 25-1 bar.

Blank day despite the thaw

Although racing returned to Britain after a month's absence at Catterick yesterday, the thaw arrived too late to save today's meetings at Stratford and Wincanton. However, there are no problems reported for the meetings at Wexford in Ireland today or at Carlisle and Market Rasen tomorrow.

There remains a slight doubt about tomorrow's other meeting at Sandown Park where an inspection will be held at 4.0 today. Mark Kershaw, the clerk of the course, said: "The course has thawed out quite considerably over the last couple of days but there is still frost in places. We have a reasonable chance of going ahead."

The thaw failed to work quickly enough to save today's meetings at Stratford and Wincanton. There was still frost in the ground when the stewards inspected the courses yesterday afternoon.

Lincoln acceptors

WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN (Handicap, 1m, Doncaster, March 22): 45 second acceptors: Bolan Knight, Slaney, Advance, Go Banana s, Really Honest, Dualcar Flyer, Red Russell, Empapahero, Chrisman Scrad, Dorset Comage, Sharp Noble, Gundreda, K-Battery, Hay Street, Inshpour, Try To Stop Me, Sheltman, Moores Metal, Rana Pratap, Star Of A Gunner, Senor Ramos, Virgin Isle, Well Rigged, Conmayjo, Running Flush, Xhia, Well Covered, Any Business, Fusilier, Sudden Impact, Marry Measure, Kampglow, Night Warrior, Kazarow, High Pitched, Lemetasor, Every Effort, Palmson, Tom Forrester, Formatune, Tutbury, Emerald Eagle, Timewaster, King Of Speed, Yellow Bear. Next acceptance stage: four-day declarations.

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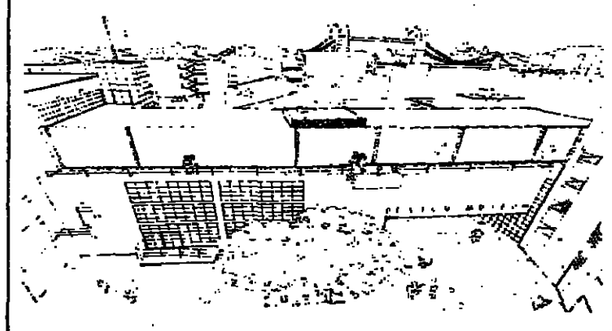
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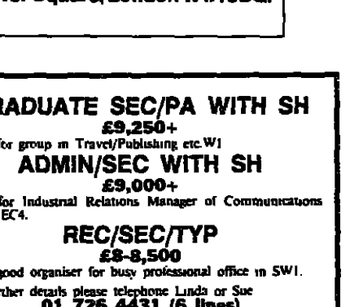
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CRESSWELL On March 4th, at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Elaine (nee Barber) and Martin, a daughter Liane.

EVANS On February 27th 1986, to Jane (nee Owen) and Francis, a son, Matthew Francis Michael, a brother for Louise.

FOSTER On 4th March to Sarah (nee da Cunha) and Jonathan, a son Jonathan Edward.

PARKES On March 3rd at Winchester, to Jenny (nee Macleod) and Roger, a daughter Mary, a sister for William.

SELIGMAN On 2nd March to Veronique (nee Piat) and George, a son Paul Edward Roger.

SMILEY On Monday March 3rd 1986, to Caroline and Andrew a daughter.

SPENCER On 3rd March to Vicky (nee Tait) and Alastair, a daughter Emily Charlotte, a sister for Sam.

STIMSON on Feb 20th, to Jennie and Giles a daughter, Zoe Louise, a sister for Kate and Andrew.

STOLL On March 3rd to Sara (nee Pringle) and Jonny a daughter, Laura Kate.

TURTON On February 21st to Fiona (nee Perry) and Charles William, a son Edward George a brother for James.

VANDENBURG On 1st March 1986 at the Portland Hospital, to Lorna (nee Green) and Malcolm, a baby daughter Kirsty Ellyned.

WATSON On 28th February in Cape Town, South Africa, to Susie (nee Back) and Charles a daughter, Georgina Rose, a sister for Edward.

WOOLLCOMBE-ADAMS - On 5th March at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Philippa (Née Brett) and Nigel a daughter

MARRIAGES

THE MARRIAGE took place on 27th February, in SEYCHELLES of MR DAVID CURTIS-BENNETT and MRS FRANKIE CHASTON (nee WOLFENDEN).

DEATHS

BILL On March 3rd 1986, peacefully after a short illness, Coral (Nerelle) Bill, beloved wife of Major John G Bill. Service at Northleach Church, Saturday, 8th March at 10.30am. Flowers to Norman Tropman and Hughes, Northleach.

BURNETT - Margaret Dury Graham, of Edgehill Farm, Byworth: peacefully at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, on 3rd March. Funeral at St. Bartholomews, Egdean, near Petworth, at 2.30 pm. on Wednesday 12th March.

CARRUTHERS On 3rd March 1986 Iain, very much loved husband of Ali and adored daddy of Catherine, Jessica and Angus. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium main Chapel, Edinburgh on Friday, 7th March at 2.30 pm to which all friends are invited.

FARNCOMBE - on March 1st peacefully at home, the Reverend Basil Farncombe aged 84 years, dearly loved husband of Jennie and loving father of Jane, Susan and Richard. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St James' Church, Colwall on Thursday March 13th at 2 p.m.

FLETCHER John Douglas Frederick peacefully at University College Hospital on February 28th, after a brave two year struggle against Cancer. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

FRASER - Dora Lindsay, aged 80, peacefully at St. Christopher's Hospice, on 3rd March. Daughter of the late James and Margaret Fraser of Birkenhead, dear aunt of Jean, Mary and Peter, and greatly loved great-aunt. Formerly Deputy Headmistress of Mary Datchelor and Headmistress of King's Warren, Plumstead. Thanksgiving service 2.30 on Friday 7th March after cremation has taken place at All Saints Church, Blackheath, following a private cremation. Donations to St Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Road SE26. Any enquiries to Rowland Brothers. 01-684 1667/2324.

GIBBS Peacefully at Thamesfield, Henley, on March 1st 1986, Hilda Florence (née Treharne). Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Friday March 7th, immediate family only. No flowers please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

GLAZEBROOK On March 2nd 1986, suddenly at home Reginald Field, dearly loved husband of Daisy, also greatly loved father and grandfather. Cremation at Pentrebychan, Wrexham, Clwyd, Friday March 7th at 2.30pm. Family only. Enquiries, Ivor Howatson, Ruthin Road, Denbigh, Clwyd.

HALL Sybil Francesca Hall M.B.E., widow of the late Robert Hall and dearly loved sister, aunt and great aunt. On March 3rd at St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham after a protracted illness. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst, on Wednesday, 12th March at 2 pm followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, tied bunches to home by 12.30pm or donations in memory to The National Trust, Orpington & Chislehurst Centre or St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

HEAD - Ruth Mary nee Elliot, on March 3rd at Netheredge Hospital, Sheffield, after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Tony and darling aunt of Doreen, John, Stephanie and Anne. RIP.

INGHAM 3rd March 1986 at Rosewood Nursing Home, Malton, N. Yorkshire. Mary Hylda Elizabeth, aged 92 years, beloved sister of Cicely, Romanes, and eldest daughter of the late Canon W. Ingham R.D. and Mrs Ingham. Funeral Service 2.30pm Monday 10th March at Old Malton Church, followed by interment.

JERBOISE Aileen Margaret, on 4th March 1986. Widow of F.H.T. Jerboise of Herriard. Aged 82. Much loved sister, Aunt and Great Aunt. Funeral Herriard Church 3.15pm Monday 10th March Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Herriard Church (Treasurer Peter Bedford, Elderfield House, Herriard).

JOLLY Hugh, at home, in the house and garden he loved, on March 4th. Dearly loved husband of Geraldine and father of Christopher, Caryl and Paul. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

LE GROS CLARK On Saturday March 1st peacefully at Staple Hall, Witney, Violet Le Gros Clark (formerly Browne, born Bott). Funeral service at St Matthew's Church, Marlborough Road, off Abbingdon Road, Oxford 2.00pm Thursday March 13th.

LIVINGSTONE On 4th March Margery aged 94, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Norman Livingstone R.N., beloved mother of Margaret and Valerie and grandmother of Sarah and Didi. Cremation Bournemouth Wednesday 12th March 11.45am. Family flowers to F. W. House, 33 St Thomas St, Lymington. Donations to RNID, 105 Gower St, WC1.

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PHIPPS - on March 1st 1986, peacefully at Sibbertoft Manor Nursing Home, Mary Gwenyth, widow of John Phipps, of Buswells House, Crick, Northamptonshire.

ROBERTSON On March 4th in hospital, Margaret Yvonne (nee de Pury) wife of Michael Robertson of the Old Mill, Oakley, Diss Norfolk. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church Oakley, on Saturday March 8th at 11.00am. Flowers to Ruckhams Funeral Services, Stanley Road, Diss.

SANDEMAN-ALLEN Lady Margaret (Peggy), much loved by her family and all who knew her, peacefully after a long illness at her home on 4th March 1986 Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday 10th March at 2.30 pm.

STARLING On 4th March 1986, in Jersey, John Sieveking, husband of Anne.

STERLING Ernest. On Tuesday 4th March, beloved and devoted husband of Fay, dearly loved father of Ruth and John and son-in-law to Leonard Wolfson, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. May He Rest In Peace.

TYLER on March 3rd suddenly Victor William Tyler F.I.A. aged 98 years, much loved by his late wife Elsie and by their sons Kenneth, Basil, Nigel, their daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grand children and Johanna. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Pulborough, on Wednesday March 12th at 2.30pm, followed by private Cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RUKBA, 6 Avonmore Road, London W14 8RL.

VETCH - on 3rd March Philippa Marion (née Curran) Dearest Pippa left us very peacefully early on Monday evening after a short illness. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Cancer Unit, General Hospital, Cheltenham would be appreciated. Service at Pudleston Church 1.15 pm Monday 10th March followed by cremation at Hereford.

VETCH - on 3rd March, Philippa Marion (nee Curran) peacefully after a short illness. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Unit, General Hospital, Cheltenham would be appreciated. Service at Pudleston Church, 1.15 pm on Monday 10th March followed by cremation at Hereford.

WATSON Margaret Fraser, youngest daughter of the late Mr & Mrs George Watson, of Newton Stewart, in her 104th year, peacefully at Brook House, Modbury, South Devon. Lovingly remembered as Aunt Peggy by so many. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 15th March at 2.30pm at Ringmore Church, nr Kingsbridge, South Devon. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to The Girl Guides, c/o Lloyds Bank, Modbury.

WURR - On February 28th 1986, suddenly after a severe stroke, Thomas Peter, dearly loved husband of Noel, father of Nichlas, Matthew and Penny and Grandfather of Sophie. Funeral service at Holly Trinity Church, Rickmansworth Rd, Northwood, at 11.30 am, on Monday, March 10th. Flowers and enquiries to T A Ellement and Son Ltd. Tel 01-866 0324.

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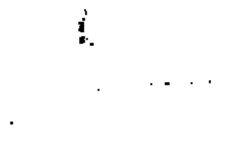
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LEGAL NOTICES

GEORGE PETER CAMPBELL TILLER DECEASED of Arlington House, 220 Arlington Road, London NW1, male who died on 15th November 1985, intestate any relatives of the late Mr Tiller are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interest to CAMERON MARKBY MOOR HOUSE, LONDON WALL, LONDON, EW5 5HE. (Ref PRS 1CLD) by the 21st MAY 1986 after which the Administrators will distribute the Estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Dated 13th February 1986.
Signed Cameron Markby
Cameron Markby

US VISA MATTERS, Edward S Gudeon. US lawyer, 17 Bulstrode St., London W1 01 486 0813.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
MR. REGISTRAR BRADBURN
IN THE MATTER OF GROSVENOR CHATER & COMPANY LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF GROSVENOR CHATER (MERCHANTS) LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF GROSVENOR CHATER (ABBEY MILL) LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 4th March 1986 made in the above matters the Court has directed separate Meetings of (1) The General Creditors being all creditors of any one or more of Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited, Grosvenor Chater (Merchants) Limited and Grosvenor Chater (Abbey Mill) Limited as at 8th March 1983 (other than (i) National Westminster Bank PLC and (ii) Creditors of any one or more of Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited, Grosvenor Chater (Merchants) Limited and Grosvenor Chater (Abbey Mill) Limited whose claims as at the 8th July 1982 and/or the 8th March 1983 were preferential under Section 319 of the Companies Act 1948) (2) the holders of Preference Shares of Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited and (3) the holders of Ordinary Shares of Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited to be convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between (1) the said Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited and (a) the holders of its Preference Shares and (b) the holders of its Ordinary Shares and (2) the said Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited, Grosvenor Chater (Merchants) Limited and Grosvenor Chater (Abbey Mill) Limited and The General Creditors and that such Meetings will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London on Friday the 21st day of March 1986 at the respective times below mentioned, namely:
1) The Meeting of the General Creditors at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
2) The Meeting of the Preference Shareholders of the said Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned, and
3) The Meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders of the said Grosvenor Chater & Company Limited at 12 noon (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned).
At which place and respective times all The General Creditors, Preference Shareholders and Ordinary Shareholders are requested to attend. Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the Said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the Companies Act 1985 at the Registered Offices of the said Companies situate at 1, Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St. Pauls, London EC4V 5AJ and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.
The General Creditors and the said Preference shareholders and Ordinary shareholders may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person, whether a Member of the class or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.
It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Joint Liquidators of the said Companies Patrick Granville White and David Llewellyn Morgan at the Registered Offices of the said Companies situate at 1, Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St Pauls, London EC4V 5AJ not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meetings, but if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are to be used.
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By the said Order has appointed Patrick Granville White or failing him David Llewellyn Morgan to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.
The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.
Dated this 4th day of March 1986.
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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davallè

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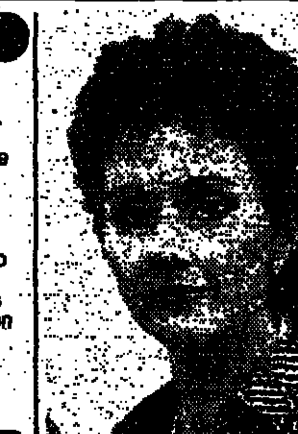
6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in medical advice.
9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart, includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. *The weather details come from Michael Fish.*
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Peter Seabrook returns to the Stoke Garden Festival to see how work is progressing for the opening in the spring; and Jill Crawshaw, continuing her series on holidays in Britain, samples the *delights of the Scottish* Border country. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. (r) 2.00 Ceefax 3.52 Regional news.
3.55 T.T.V. Tea-time television for the young 4.10 SuperTed does battle once again with the evil Texas Pete (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Joanna Monro *with part four of Enid* Blyton's The Circus of Adventure 4.30 Ulysses 31. Cartoon space adventures.
4.55 Newsround with Roger Finn 5.05 Blue Peter. Simon Groom reports on the progress of Goldie's four and a half weeks old puppies and asks viewers *if they can suggest names* for the eight-strong litter. (Ceefax)
5.35 Celebrity First Class. Three Grange Hill pupils, Zammo, Fay and Gonch, challenge the winners of the First Class inter-school video quiz, Paisley Grammar.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and *Andrew Harvey. Weather.*
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops, presented by Gary Davies and Dixie Peach.
7.30 EastEnders. Dot receives a surprise visitor and also experiences a disappointment. Meanwhile, detective Sergeant Quick makes an unexpected discovery. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World. The spotlight falls on the five winners of the Pollution *Abatement* Technology Award; and on the Giotto Probe to Halley's Comet, due to rendezvous in a week's time.
8.30 A Question of Sport. This week the team captains, Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes, *are joined by* celebrities who are appearing by popular *request - George Best,* Steve Smith, Lynn Davies, and Barry Sheene (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.
9.30 I Woke Up One Morning. The first of a new series of the comedy drama about four heavy drinkers who are trying to kick the habit. Starring Michael Angelis, Peter Caffey, Robert Gillespie and Frederick Jaeger.
10.00 *Question Time. Sir Robin* Day's panel consists of Sir John Harvey-Jones, Brenda Dean, John Cunningham, and Sir Geoffrey Howe.
11.00 Can You Avoid Cancer? The second of *five* programmes on how to reduce the risks of suffering from the killer *disease. Presented by Dr* Michael O'Donnell. (r)
11.25 Late Night in Concert. Tom Petty recorded at the Wiltern Theatre, Los Angeles.
11.55 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Exercises at 6.20; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.34; reunions at 8.45; Michael Jopling on the Government's *response* to the *public's* growing concern over food additives at 9.12

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9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: the nature and qualities of leather *9.42 Learning* to read with Bill Oddie 9.54 How we move and how we move objects 10.11 The story of Claudius, *a boy in ancient Rome 10.28 The power of* authority and the media 11.03 The role of computers 11.20 Finding and collecting things 11.37 How we Used to Live: the Cat's Whisker.
12.00 The Giddy Game Show. Gus, Gorilla and Giddy have a musical day. 12.10 Puddle Lane. 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Jane Wyman stars in this drama serial set among the *Californian* vinyard-owning folk 2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Cheshire Soup.
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 *The Giddy Game Show.* A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 Bill the Minder. Cartoon series 4.15 Ragdolly Anna. Adventures of a walking, talking doll. With Pat Coombs 4.30 Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy presents another in his nature conservation *series.4.45* Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest. Drama serial set in a children's home.
5.15 Thames Sport includes a profile of sprinter Linford Christie
5.45 News with Michael Nicholson 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Strathcona Theatre Company of mentally-handicapped adults.
6.35 Crossroads. Paul throws his farewell do and Valerie Pollard drops a hint to Adam.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Why is Amos so keen to ply Seth Armstrong with free drink?
7.30 Knight Rider. Michael is threatened by Marco Berio *because he thinks that* Michael has had more recognition for the original *development of KITT than* he deserves.
8.30 Farrington of the FO. Comedy series starring Angela Thorne as the United Kingdom's representative in a banana republic.
9.00 In Loving Memory. Flicking through an old family photographic *album, newly-wed Mary* discovers a picture of her husband as a happy-looking bridegroom.
9.30 TV Eye: Where's the Oil Money Gone? North Sea oil pumps £20 billion into the economy. What happens to it?
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Pamela Armstrong. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Kojak. The New York policeman has to cope with the discovery of a dead body in the boot of a Rolls Royce; and a wife who kills her husband and abandons her children.
12.20 Night Thoughts from Jenny Carpenter



Sally Burton: 40 Minutes, on BBC 2, 9.30pm

● THE REAL LIFE OF A HOLLYWOOD WIFE (BBC 2, 9.30pm)is a useful corrective to Jackie Collins's account of sexual couplings in the movie colony.So highly moral is it that it does not even mention those Hollywood spouses who go from bed to bed.In fact, the only mention of bed in this *40 Minutes* documentary is made by Jerry Lewis's ex-wife who was *so devoted to him that, at his* behest, she would slide out of the sheets in the wee small hours to make him one of his favourite cheese and tomato sandwiches.*Given* such a lunatic degree of matrimonial loyalty, it is scarcely surprising that the former Hollywood wives who have formed themselves into a group should have elected to call themselves LADIES (Life after Divorce is Eventually

CHOICE

Sane).The emphasis is on the "eventually".In spite of everything, some Hollywood *marriages between high-*powered movie bosses and women glamorous enough to qualify for acting roles in glossy, *Dallas*-type soap operas should the need ever arise, do manage to survive. Sally Burton, widow of Richard,does the round of such apparently stable alliances in tonight's film.

● *TIMEWATCH (BBC 2,* 8.05pm)reminds those of us who might have forgotten,that the British Museum began humbly with gifts of a dried thumb and a starved cat and pig.We are also reminded that our early prisons were built like cathedrals to instil lofty thoughts in the *inmates,that the Irish have* always been portrayed as fools by our cartoonists, and that the Brothers Grimm probably perpetrated a literary fraud in the name of German nationalism.Definitely a Believe it or Not edition of *Timewatch.*

● KAREN KAY (BBC 2, 9.00pm) is a singer who also does impersonations of entertainers like Cilla Black, Jimmy Cricket,Shirley MacLaine and Barbra Streisand.No doubt about it: Miss Kay captures the essence *of her victims' talent (or lack* of it) in a most remarkable way, and I thought the comedy sketches were sharper than we normally get in this kind of show.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Social Sciences - Shirts and Coal. Ends at 7.20.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.36 Daytime on Two: mathematical investigations - getting the facts 9.58 A kite becomes stuck in a tree 10.15 *Science: cleaning (b)* 10.38 Creatures that live underwater 11.00 History: the beginning of the Industrial Revolution 11.22 Course options for the *over-13s 11.45 is the role* of the state to ensure a fairer distribution of wealth? 12.05 Italian conversation course for beginners 12.30 Basic German for tourists 12.45 David Bellamy investigates harvests and hay days (Ceefax) 1.20 Italian conversation course 1.38 *The first of two* programmes about visual awareness 2.00 For four- and five-year olds 2.15 Music: Tchaikovsky's The Sleeping Beauty 2.40 History: Arkwright and the first factories.
3.00 Ceefax.
5.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.
5.30 *Red Herrings. Dawn King* and Debbion Currie investigate how accurately young people are portrayed by the media.
6.00 Star Trek. Dr Spock, uncharacteristically, is smitten by a beautiful woman who transplants his brain with one programmed to run a *computerized civilisation* (r)
6.45 Discovering Birds. Part one of a series extolling the delights of birdwatching. Presented by Tony Soper. (r)
7.10 Best of Best of Brass. This first of a new series features the Desford Colliery Dowty Band, *conducted by Howard* Snell. The guest soloists are Don Lusher (trombone) and Wendy Picton (euphonium).
7.55 Wild Flower. Michael Jordan in praise of the orchid (Ceefax)
8.05 Timewatch. Peter France introduces three films revealing how visionaries *and others dealt with the* 'outsider' as they tried to perfect a society, a state and a national image, at the turn of the 19th century.
9.00 Karen Kay. A new series featuring the comedy impressionist and singer.(see Choice)
9.30 40 Minutes: The Real Life of a Hollywood Wife. Sally Burton, actor Richard's widow, meets four of Hollywood's leading non-acting ladies. - Angela Rich, Wendy Goldberg, Marianne Rogers, and Lili Fini Zanuck. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
10.10 Pot Black 86. The last first round match features the current world champion, Dennis Taylor, and the young Liverpudlian, John Parrott. Presented by David Icke
10.35 *Newsnight* 11.20 Weather.
11.25 Open University: Weekend Outlook 11.30 Special Education - A dependent Future. Ends at 12.00.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 Film: The Magic Bow* (1946) starring Stewart Granger as Paganini, in a fictionalised biography of the celebrated Italian violinist,with Yehudi Menuhin playing the violin for Granger.Phyllis Calvert, Jean Kent and *Dennis Price co star.* Directed by Bernard Knowles.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic game is challenged by Debbie Kingshott of Worthing. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted *in the adjudicator's chair* by Gyles Brandreth.
5.00 Film: Dance Hall* (1950) staring Natasha Parry, Jane Hylton, Diana Dors and Petula Clark as four factory girls whose highlight of the week is a visit to the local palais de dance. Their hopes of romance have mixed results. *With Donald* Houston, Bonar Colleano, Douglas Barr and Fred Johnson. Directed by Charles Crichton.
6.30 *Union World examines the* new moves by the National Coal Board to heal the breach between man and management
7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart.
7.50 Comment. With her views on a topical subject is shop assistant Beryl *Baker.* Weather.
8.00 The Art of Persuasion. Part three of the series on advertising features David Ogilvy the Briton who was a leading light on Madison Avenue for two decades; advice on photographing a beautiful woman; and why moving a string bean one thirty-secondth of an inch made *all* thedifference.(Oracle) (r)
8.30 Treasure Hunt. Richard Wells and Peter Kelly from High Wycombe send Anneka Rice hurtling round the Nottinghamshire countryside in search of clues to hidden treasure. Introduced by Kenneth Kendall (Oracle)
9.30 A Life. A play by the Irish playwright Hugh Leonard about Desmond Drumm, a minor Irish civil servant with three months to go *before retirement,* who decides it is high time to take an audit of his own life before it is too late. The play blends past with present and begins on a Sunday May morning by the bandstand in Dalkey and ends in the same place later that night. Starring Paul Rogers, Daphne Carroll, Aiden O'Kelly and Godfrey Quigley. Directed by Louis Lentin.
11.45 4 What it's Worth. A repeat of the programme about the Dalkon Shield contraceptive which has been associated with damage to thousands of women. All claims for damages must be lodged with the courts by the end of April. Joan Shenton talks to victims and explores their legal rights (r) Ends at 12.10

Radio 4

On long wave. For Radio 4 programmes on VHF, see end of Radio 4 listings.

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer.
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 The Natural History Programme. With Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway.
9.35 Women: Equal Sex? Bel Mooney discusses women's attitudes towards equality (4) A Woman at the Top (r).
10.00 News; Medicine Now. (Geoff Watts).
10.30 Morning Story: La Mort du Cygne by Paul Kenny. Reader: Brigid Erin Bates
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; *Analysis:* Running out of our Ears. Adnan Hamilton examines the effect of tumbling oil prices. Do they offer Britain the possibility of a boost to economic growth ?(r)
11.48 Thought for Food. Bob Symes on spaghetti bolognese.
12.00 News; You and Yours. With John Howard.
12.27 Film Star. Alexander Walker on the career of Woody Allen (r). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: news
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a feature on obscene phone calls.
3.00 News; The Afternoon *Play. Gifts by Ruric* Powell. With John McAndrew as the music student (s).
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf with Hunter Davies.
4.35 *Kaleidoscope. Last* night's edition which includes comment on the new production of When we Are Married at the re-opened Whitehall Theatre, and the new Kurosawa film Ran.Comment,too, on the book Cuckoo, by Linda Anderson (r)
5.00 PM News magazine. 5.50 *Shipping.* 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Word! With Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (r).
7.00 *News*
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Air your views about some of the subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?
7.40 *Hijack. Tom Mangold on* the consequences of a hijack and how those involved are affected by it.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? *Magazine for disabled* listeners.
9.30 Glyn Worship.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. With Christopher Bigsby.Includes items on the *film Detective, the* Scottish Opera production of Mahagonny, and the book The Women's Decameron. Also, European "soaps"
10.15 A Book At *Bedtime:* Bengal Lancer. The autobiography of Francis Yeats Brown (4). Reader: Tim Piggott-Smith.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 *The Financial World* Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and *S.Wales only) as above* except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 Noticeboard (s) 9.10 A Service for Schools 9.30 *Secondary English 11-14* 9.50 First Steps in Drama (s) 10.10 Playtime 10.25 Country Dancing Stage I. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard (s) 11.05 In the News 11.30 Wavelength (s) 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner (s) 2.05 The Song Tree (s) 2.20 Living Language 2.40 Newcast. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Telemann (Concerto in B flat for flutes,oboes,strings), Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor: Yo Yo Ma,soloist).8.00 News
8.05 Concert (contd) Balakirev (Oriental fantasy Islamey, with Berere,piano);Berg (Traumegewalten);- Mozart (Recitative and aria: Misero, O sogno ..Aura, che intorno spiro: Windebergh,tenor), Rubbra (Symphony No 10). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer:Poulenc. Chamber cantata:Un soir de neige: Calligrammes; Fiancailles pour rire: Ameling, soprano). Priez pour paix (Souzay,baritone), cantata Figure humaine
10.00 Dvorak: Lausanne Co play the Czech Suite, Op 39
10.25 Russian Cello Music: Melissa Phelps,with John York (piano). Shostakovich (Sonata, Op 40). Glière (Ballade in B flat. Op 4), Rachmaninov (Two pieces, Op 2)
11.05 Bernard Haitink and BBC SO, with Pauk (violin)and Crossley (piano).Part 1. Berg (Chamber Concerto for violin,piano and 13 wind instruments)
11.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts,monitored by the BBC
12.05 Haitink:part 2. Schubert (Symphony No 9). 1.00 News
1.05 Lunchtime Concert: Paul Esswood(counter-tenor),John Constable (harpsichord), Jennifer Ward Clarke (baroque cello).Works by Dowland, Marcello, Hooper, John Bull, Purcell and Arne (Jenny)
2.00 Piano duets and duos: Christopher Kite and Robert Ferguson. Grainger (Country Gardens), Debussy (Lindaraja), Ravel (Sites Auriculaires). Debussy (Marche Ecossaise)and Grainger (Handel in Strand)
2.30 Francesca da Rimini: four-act opera by Zandonai.Sung in Italian. Milan Chorus and Orchestra of Italian Radio.Cast includes Marcella Pobbe in the title *role. Interval reading at* 3.30. 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Michael Berkeley with recorded music
6.30 Bandstand: Parc and Dare Band. Henshall (Variations and Fugue), Gordon Langford (Rhapsody for cornet and brass band)
7.00 Ian Parrott: BBC Singers with solo instrumentalists and singers. The works include Surely the Lord is in this place; and, Song of the stones of David
7.30 BBC Welsh SO,with John Lill(piano).Part 1. Mozart (Magic Flute overture), Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1)
8.25 One Pair of Ears: the week's radio music.With Robert Lloyd
8.45 Concert:part 2. Beethoven (Symphony No 5)
9.30 Walking to the Windmill: *the poetry of Robert* Hass.With Graham Fawcett
10.00 Music in Our Time.Michael Roosenzweig (Symphony in one movement), Steve Martland (Babi Yar), Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
10.55 Strauss and Prokofiev: Lydia Mordkovitch (violin), John Wilson (piano). Strauss (Sonata in E flat. Op 18), Prokofiev (Sonata in F minor. Op 80)
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown. VHF only:6.35am to 5.55. Open *University. Handling primary sources*

Radio 2

5.30 am 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 Sports Desks 1.05 pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55. 4.00 am Colin Berry (s) 5.30 Ray Moore (s) 8.05 Ken Bruce (s) 10.00 Jimmy Young incl food information from Tony De Angeli (s) 1.05 pm David Jacobs (s) 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (s) 3.30 Music All The Way (s) 4.00 David Hamilton (s) 6.00 John Dunn incl at 6.45 (mf only) Sport and Classified Results (s) 8.00 Wally Whyton (An all Texas programme) 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. (Interview with Michael Caine). 11.00 Brian Matthew (stereo from midnight) 1.00 am Peter Dickson (s) 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music (s)

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12.00 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Janet Trewin) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Janet Trewin) 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Janice Long incl 8.00 John Walters reviews the week's music press. 10.00-12.00 Andy Kershaw (s). VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00 am As Radio 2 10.00 pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00 am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 The Classic Albums 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Monitor 10.00 News 10.01 Kings of Swing 10.30 Two Cheers for February 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 A Letter From England 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Flanders and Swann. 2.00 News 2.01 Outlook 2.45 Jazz From Europe 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.10 A Letter From England 5.15 Meridian 6.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From England 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Nature Notebook 11.40 The Farming World 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Flanders and Swann. 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 In the Meantime 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 I Wish I'd Met. 2.30 Talking About Music. 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Country Style. 5.45 The World Today. All times in GMT.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35-6.00pm *Wales Today* 6.35-7.00 Bowls 11.25-11.55 Film 86 11.55-12.00 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.20-10.30am Dotaman 6.35-7.00pm Reporting Scotland 8.00-8.30 The Thursday File. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside *Ulster 6.35-7.00 First Class* 8.30-9.00 Spotlight 11.55-12.00 News and weather. ENGLAND 12.00-12.30pm Manchester Central (North-west only) 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND 1.38-2.00pm Ulster in Focus

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25-9.30am For Openers 1.20pm Channel News and Weather 1.30 Home Cookery Club 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest 3.30-4.00 Mouthtrap 5.12 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 5.15-5.45 *Blockbusters* 6.00-6.35 Channel Report followed by Video Club 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 The Adventurer 12.00 The Untouchables 1.00am Weather, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25-9.30am *North East News 1.20pm North East* News and Lookaround 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase 3.25-3.30 North East News 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.32 The Works 11.15 The Master 12.15am Just Like A Woman 12.20 Close.

TVS As London except: 9.25-9.30am TVS Outlook 1.20pm TVS News 1.30 Home Cookery Club 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest 3.27-4.00 TVS News followed by Mouthtrap 5.12-5.45 TVS News Headlines followed by Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 That's Hollywood (Marilyn Monroe) 12.00 The Untouchables 1.00am Company, Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm HTV News 1.30-2.25 A Country Practice 3.25-3.30 HTV News 6.00-6.35 HTV News 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.30 Winter Outlook 10.35 The West This *Week 11.15 Film: Offbeat" (William* Sylvester, Mai Zetterling) 12.35am Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except: 10.11-10.26am About Wales - Technology Wales 6.00-6.35pm Wales At Six 10.30-*11.05 Wales This Week 11.05-*12.35am Film: The Probability Factor.

GRAMPIAN AS London except: 9.25-9.30am First Thing 1.20pm North News 1.30-2.30 The Baron 3.25-3.30 North Headlines 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 North Tonight and Weather 7.00 Random Choice 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 1.30 Mapp and Lucia 11.30 About Gaelic 12.00 North Headlines and Weather 12.05am Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Contact 1.20 Central News 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase 3.25-3.30 Central News 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Crossroads 6.25 Central News 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.30 Central Lobby 11.00 The Protectors 11.30 Fight *Night 12.30am Close.*

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm Border News 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase 3.20-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.45 Lookaround Thursday 10.30 'V' 11.30 The Master 12.25am News Summary 12.28 Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25-9.30am Weather 12.30-1.00pm Calendar Lunchtime Live 1.20 Calendar News 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law 3.25-3.30 Calendar News 5.15-5.45 Candid Camera 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.30 United? Defeated? 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Close.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Scottish News 1.30 Bodyline 1.35-2.30 Riptide 3.30-4.00 Mr Smith 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Scottish News and Scotland Today 7.00 Now You See It 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.30 Crime Desk 10.35 About Gaelic Debate I 11.05 Late Call 11.10 The Sweeney 12.10am Show Express 12.40 Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm Anglia News and Weather 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 3.25-3.30 Anglia News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 Mouthtrap 10.30 Folio 11.00 Shalley 11.30 The Master 12.30am A Question in Lent. Close.

ULSTER As London except: *9.25-9.30am The Day* Ahead 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase 3.30 The Sense of Life 3.35-4.00 Ulster News 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Police Six 7.30-8.30 Tuckers Witch 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Film: Clue of the Twisted Candle (Bernard Lee) 11.55 Sylvia Reed and William Fry 12.20am News.

S4C As London except: 1.30pm Countdown 1.30 Alice 2.00 Flenestr 2.20 Flalabalam 2.35 Hon O Fyo 2.55 Interval 3.05 Take the Goods 3.35 Years Ahead 4.20 4 What It's *Worth 4.50 Hanner Awr Fwy 5.20 I Dream* of Jeannie 5.00 Brookside 6.30 More Than Meets the Eye 7.00 Newyddion Sarth 7.30 Elinor Ac Erall 8.35 Cerdd. News Headlines 9.05 Y Clecwr 9.35 Hill Street Blues 10.35 Ceiber - The Greatest Improvisers in the World 11.20 Prospects 12.20am Close.

GRANADA AS London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.25 A Country Practice 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-6.35 This Is Your Right 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.30 Streets of San Francisco 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Close.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm TSW News 1.30-2.25 Carson's Law 3.25 Sons and Daughters 3.57-4.00 TSW News 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30 Emmerdale Farm 7.00 Knight Rider 8.00-8.30 Busman's Holiday 10.32 A Breath of Fresh Air 11.30 Mapp and Lucia 12.00am Postscript 12.35 Weather, Close.

CONCERTS

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CINEMAS

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DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/6433. Until March 15. Eves 7.30 DRUID THEATRE CO from Ireland return with their latest stunning success BAILEGANGAIRE by Tom Murphy, starring SIOBHAN McKENNA. Latecomers only admitted at interval.

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755 Evenings 7.45 mat Sat 2.30. ONE OF US by ROBIN CHAPMAN with ANTHONY ANDREWS, DAVID HOROVITCH, IAN OGILVY and JENNY QUAYLE "A capital cast" D. Tel."Fascinating..a vivid production" Guardian.

MERMAID CC (no booking fee) 01-236 5568 or 741 9999 cc (Bkg Fee) 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Grp sales 01-930 6123. Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 5.0 & 8.0 NT'S AWARD-WINNING PRODUCTION GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS David Mamet's GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS directed by Bill Bryden "THE LANGUAGE IS FOUL. A SMALL MASTERPIECE. ALL THE SAME" D Tel. Pre Theatre Food & Drink CAR PARK next door 950 For other NT shows see National Th.

MERMAID THEATRE SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS Until *March 14 Mon-Fri at 11.30 am* Mermaid 236 5568 for details

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am RESTAURANT (928 2033). CHEAP, EASY CAR PARK. TOURS OF THE BUILDING (inc Backstage) £2. Info 633 0880 NT ALSO AT THE MERMAID

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 01-405 0072 CC 379 6433 Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Grp Bookings 01-405 1567 or 01-930 6123 (Apply daily to Box Office for returns) Postal applications now being accepted until August 30

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821. Grp Sales 930 6123. March 11 to April 19 IAN CHARLESON RICHARD GRIFFITHS GEMMA JONES DAVID LYON MALCOLM STORRY in AFTER AIDA Directed by Howard Davies A new play by Julian Mitchell based on the life & later work of Giuseppe Verdi with a cast of internation opera singers

OLD VIC 928 7616. CC 261 1821 Grp Sales 930 6123 LAST 4 PERFS Ton't. Tomor 7.30, Sat 4.0 & 7.45 PRIDE & PREJUDICE A Play adapted from Jane Austen's novel by David Pownall. PETER SALLIS PAULINE YATES JAMES WARWICK TESSA PEAKE-JONES IAN GELDER IRENE SUTCLIFFE Directed by Bill Pryde "THIS IS THE MOST ENJOYABLE NOVEL ADAPTATION I HAVE SEEN SINCE NICHOLAS NICKLEBY" Tms. "I LOVED IT" Obs ENDS SATURDAY

ROYAL COURT 9 CC 730 1745 WOMEN BEWARE WOMEN by Thomas Middleton and Howard Barker Directed by William Gaskill Eves 8.0 Sat Mats 4.0.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE UPSTAIRS 01-730 2554 Liverpool Playhouse present SHORT CHANGE by Terry Heaton Eves 7.30. Sat mat 3.30

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call 24 hr 7 day CC 240 7200 Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 2.30 JEANNE The Musical Book your seats at any Keith Prowse Branch - No Booking Fee. AMERICAN DANCE SEASON April 10 - May 10 American Ballroom Theatre, Pasadena Roof Orchestra, Rosalind Newman & Dancers, Bill T Jones & Arnie Zane. Ring 278 9855 for Colour Brochure.

PHOENIX 836 2294 cc 240 9661 or 741 9999 Eves 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 24 Hr 7 Day First Call cc 240 7200 BEST MUSICAL OF 1985 Standard Drama Awards MARTIN SHAW As Elvis Presley 'JUST AMAZING THE PERFORMANCE IS A LANDMARK' D EX ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? "IT'S MAGNIFICENT" Obs Ray Jewers will play Elvis Presley on Monday Eves only

PICCADILLY THEATRE 437 4506, 734 9535 Credit Card Hotlines 379 6565, 741 9999 Grp Sales 836 3962/930 6123. "A Brilliant Musical" BBC DAVID ESSEX FRANK FINLAY MUTINY! TREMENDOUS SPECTACLE"Gdn Over 100 Standing Ovations Eves 8.0 Mats Wed 3 & Sat 5.

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days CC Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123 CHESS THE MUSICAL Opens 14 May at 7pm Red Price Previews from April 30

PRINCE OF WALES 01-930 8681/2 CC Hotline 01-930 0844/5/6 Group Sales 01-930 6123 K Prowse 01-741 9999 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc bookings 240 7200 01-379 6433 Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat at 3.0 "One Of the Great-Great Musicals" *S Times The National Theatre of* Gt Britain Award Winning GUYS & DOLLS Starring LULU NORMAN ROSSINGTON JANET DIBLEY ANDREW C WADSWORTH TRICK WILSON "Wonderful Entertainment" S Tel "A Classic of its kind" D Tel. "Dynamite" D Mail Now booking until April '26

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166, 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031 First Call CC 24-hr 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8pm, Wed & Sat Mats 3pm MAGGIE SMITH EDWARD FOX "GIVE BRAVURA PERFORMANCES IN THIS SHARP SARDONIC, ELEGANT COMEDY." S Tms INTERPRETERS A New Play by Ronald Harwood. Directed by Peter Yates. Season extended until June 28.

PALACE THEATRE 437 6834 CC 437 8327 or 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE! Std. Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE NEW BOOKINGS PERIOD TO OCT 4 NOW OPEN

OLIVIER '3' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Low *price previews Ton't, Tomor 7.15* & March 10 to 12 Opens March 13 at 7.00 Then March 14 & 15 & March 21 to 24 THE THREEPENNY OPERA by Brecht, music by Kurt Weill

SAVOY Box Office 01 836 8888 CC 01-379 6219, 836 0479 Eves 7.45 Matinees Wednesday 2.30 Saturday 5.0 & 8.30 "MICHAEL FRAYN'S AWARD WINNING FARCE NOW IN ITS 4TH YEAR IS STILL ONE OF THE FUNNIEST THINGS IN TOWN" S Times 16.2.86 CHRISTOPHER GODWIN STEPHANIE COLE HUGH PADDICK MICHAEL COCHRANE COLETTE GLEESON TIMOTHY CARLTON NOISES OFF Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

SHAFTESBURY 379 5399 CC 741 9999 379 6433 First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 ROWAN ATKINSON THE NEW REVUE Red price Prevs tonight Opens tomorrow at 7.00 Eves 8.00 Sat 5.30 & 8.30

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443 Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 34th yr of AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP No reduced prices from any source but seats bkable from £3.50

STRAND Box Off 836 2660 F Call 24Hr 7Day CC 240 7200 'A STAR IS BORN' Gdn LESLEY MACKIE is JUDY By Terry Wale 'GARLANDS FOR JUDY' S Exp 'A BLAZING THEATRICAL PERSONALITY' D Tel "MAGNIFICENT" F Times Red price Prevs from 17 March Opens 26 March

STRAND,WC2 01 836 2660 4143 5190 Mon-Fri. Eve 8.0 Sat 5.30 & 8.30 DAVID JASON "A natural comic, a joy to behold" Std "Genuinely funny" F Times RICHARD VERNON LYNDA BELLINGHAM LOOK, NO HANS! A comedy by John Chapman and Michael Pertwee, directed by Mike Ockrent MUST END MARCH 8 owing to David Jason's TV commitments

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Booking now open for 1986 season (0789) 295623 or Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE from 31 March ROMEO AND JULIET, THE WINTER'S TALE, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SWAN THEATRE *from 26 April* TWO NOBLE KINSMEN by Shakespeare/Fletcher EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR by Ben Jonson THE ROVER by Aphra Behn THE OTHER PLACE from 2 April FLIGHT by Bulgakov THE ART OF SUCCESS by Nick Dear. For special meal theatre deals and Hotel stopover ring (0789) 67262

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail WIFE BEGINS AT FORTY See Ambassadors Theatre RUN FOR YOUR WIFE See Criterion Theatre WHEN WE ARE MARRIED See Whitehall Theatre A MONTH OF SUNDAYS See Duchess Theatre SHAFTESBURY THEATRE, HOME OF THE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY See separate entry

VAUDEVILLE, WC2 Box Office and CC 01-836 9987 5645 First Call (CC 24 hrs) 01 240 7200 Eves 7.30 Wed Mats 2.30 Sats 5.0 & 8.15 JOANNA LUMLEY RICHARD CADELL JANE ASHER MARCIA WARREN in NOEL COWARD'S BLITHE SPIRIT "A PLAY TO SEND THE SPIRITS SOARING, HUGELY ENJOYABLE AND INTELLIGENT REVIVAL" D Mail

VICTORIA PALACE 01 834 1317 Eves 7.30 Mats Sat 2.45 MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS 9.0 AM TO 1.0PM FOR CURRENT BOOKING PERIOD UNTIL APRIL 26. Box Office also opens Sundays 11 am to 7 pm for credit card telephone bookings only.

WHITEHALL SW1 01-930 7765/839 4455 CC 01-379 6565/6433 741 9999 Grp 01-836 3962 Mon-Fri 8.00 Wed Mat 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 THEATRE OF COMEDY COY BILL FRASER JAMES GROUT PATRICIA HAYES DINAH SHERIDAN PATRICIA ROUTLEDGE PATSY ROWLANDS PRUNELLA SCALES ELIZABETH SPRIGGS TIMOTHY WEST WHEN WE ARE MARRIED By J.B. Priestley Directed by Ronald Eyre

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 cc 379 6565 379 6433 Grp 836 3962 REDUCED PRICE PREVIEWS ONLY £3.50, £5.50, £6.50 until Mar 12 Opens Mar 13 7pm Eves 8pm Sat 5 & 8.30 Thurs mats 3 CAFE PUCCINI A musical play by ROBIN RAY Based on the life & music of GIACOMO PUCCINI.

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 Ton't to Sat 7.30 ROMEO AND JULIET "Brought to Ev" ... Std

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Ex-UN chief's war past 'hidden'

From Christopher Thomas
New York

The World Jewish Congress suggested yesterday that there had been a massive cover-up, possibly involving governments, to conceal the past of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The congress, a respected body representing Jewish organizations in 70 countries, said that despite Dr Waldheim's strong denials it stood by its accusation that he had concealed a Nazi past with links to war criminals and war crimes.

Mr Edgar Bronfman, the president of the congress, yesterday sent telexes to Jewish groups around the world seeking survivors of the Holocaust who might be able to provide evidence of Dr Waldheim's past. Particular efforts are being made in Greece and Yugoslavia.

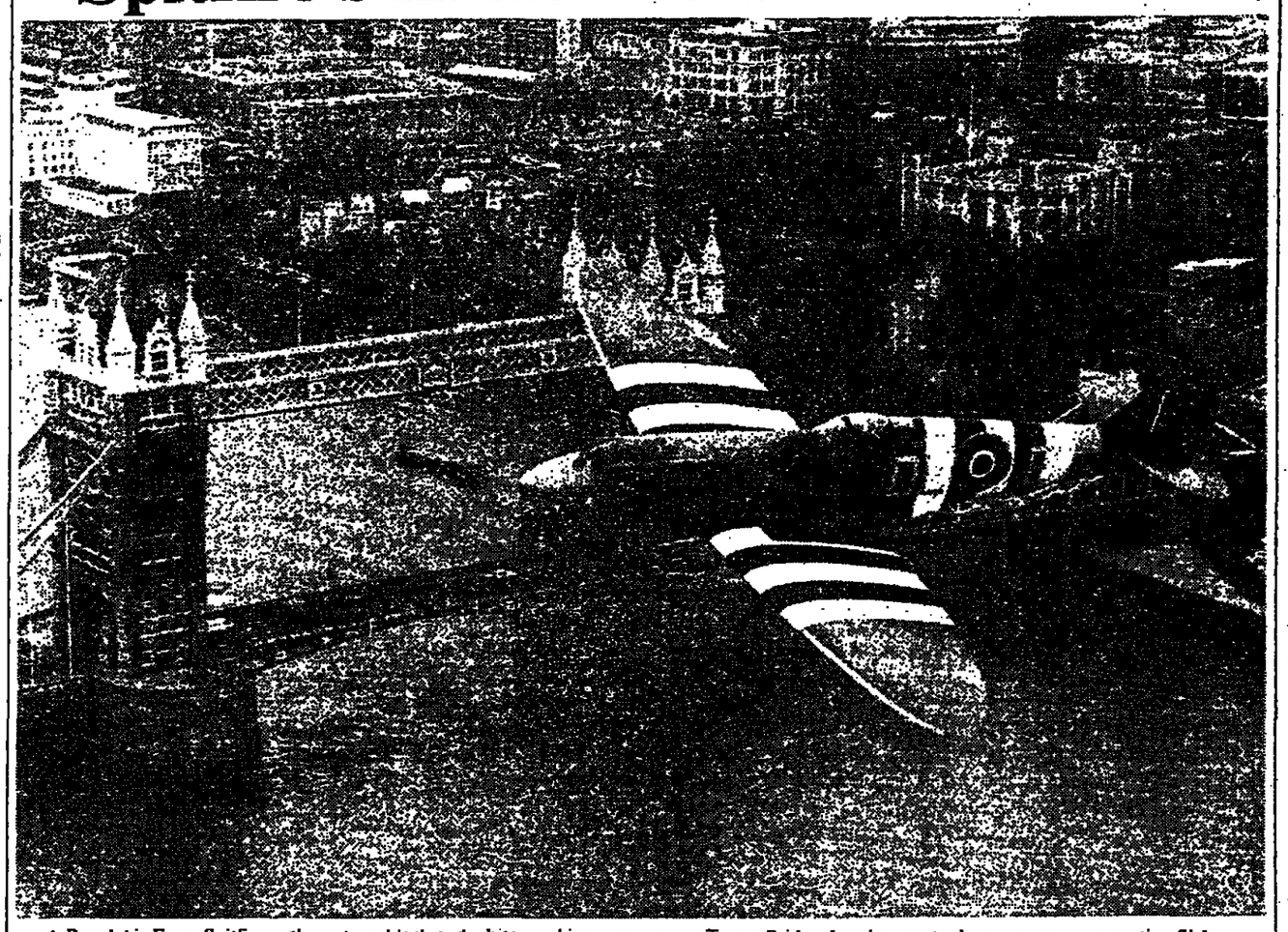
Mr Elan Steinberg, executive director of the congress, told *The Times* in New York yesterday that the timing of the allegations had nothing to do with Dr Waldheim's campaign for the presidency of Austria.

"About three weeks ago the WJC had a team in Vienna researching Nazi crimes in Austria. We uncovered preliminary evidence that Waldheim's biography was not *kosher*," he added. "A full scale investigation was authorized. If we discovered all this in three weeks, why have governments with all their resources failed to uncover this in 40 years?"

He said that the congress had had no contact with any political figures in Austria prior to its announcement on Tuesday, and certainly had not spoken to any of Dr Waldheim's political opponents about the affair. He added that the matter raised serious questions about cover-ups and raised the possibility that Dr Waldheim might have been susceptible to blackmail while head of the United Nations.

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Spitfire's finest hours remembered



A Royal Air Force Spitfire with wartime black and white markings passes over Tower Bridge, London, yesterday on a commemorative flight

By Patricia Clough

The drone that evokes memories of Britain's finest hour reverberated once again over London yesterday as an RAF Spitfire flew over the city to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the legendary fighter's maiden flight.

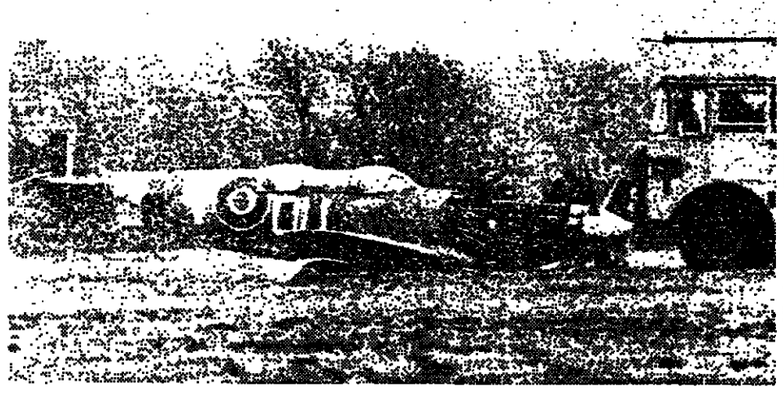
Spitfire PM631, piloted by Squadron Leader Paul Day, aged 44, a combat instructor from RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire, flew at 400ft over the city, dipping lower over St Paul's and the Tower of London, then on to Whitehall and Parliament, bringing office workers to their windows.

It bore the black and white stripes of the Normandy invasion, painted on so the Allied armies would not mistake them for German Messerschmitts.

At Eastleigh, Hampshire, where the Spitfires were built, the only two-seater model left in Europe landed on its belly as its undercarriage collapsed while taxiing before a fly-past of Spitfires over the Solent.

Its pilot and owner, Mr Nick Grace, of Colchester, and his passenger were rueful but unhurt. The aeroplane was slightly damaged.

Altogether, 22,759 Spitfires and Seafires, the naval version, were built and only 120 have survived, of which 12 are in Britain. The RAF has only *four*.



The two-seater Spitfire, flopped on its fuselage at Eastleigh after its undercarriage collapsed.

Letter from Mexico City

Give us back our lintels – please

The Greeks want the Elgin Marbles back. Mexico wants the British Museum to return the Maudslay Lintels.

Lintels are relief stone carvings of a type found in what is known as the Classic Maya period, between 7 and 9 AD.

Sir Alfred Percival Maudslay was, as the name indicates, a Victorian gentleman. He was, besides, a scientist, scholar, diplomat, writer and adventurer.

It was in the latter capacity that he came to Mexico in 1880, rapidly developing a passion for the country's largely untapped archaeological wonders. (He was not the first Englishman to become *enthralled* by Mexico's pre-Hispanic heritage. Viscount Kingsborough, born into a wealthy aristocratic family in the late eighteenth century, came to Mexico and dedicated his life so fanatically to investigating, writing and collecting material on the rich culture of the Mayas and their all-conquering Aztec successors that he died penniless in a debtors' prison in London).

Maudslay arrived by canoe in March 1882 in the lost Mayan city of Yaxchilan, most of which still lay buried underground then. What particularly fascinated him about Yaxchilan, a remote spot near Guatemala in the jungles of Southern Mexico, were its lintels, which offered an intricate record of the history and customs of the Mayas.

The clearly detailed, highly expressive depictions of spear-carrying soldiers, priests in elaborate head dress and scenes generally of military conquest and religious rituals are considered of immense value by present day archaeologists and historians.

Maudslay too knew he was on to something special and, at great pain to himself and his team of local assistants, transported one of these lintels – which weighed nearly half a ton – down the swampy Lacandon River to the sea.

He returned the next year, 1883, and took "home" – which now means the British Museum – several more lintels.

The Mexican authorities today have a different perception of where "home" ought to be. As far as the Mexicans are concerned, the lintels are as much stolen property, in the final analysis, as the 170 priceless gold and jade artifacts stolen last Christmas day from Mexico City's Anthropological Museum.

The British Museum has "a moral obligation to return these pieces ... they must return to this country", says Dr Enrique Florescano, the head of Mexico's National Institute of History and Anthropology.

In an interview with *The Times*, Dr Florescano admitted there existed no legal mechanism to "coerce" the British Museum and other European museums, to return Mexican archaeological objects. There was, nevertheless, a Mexican law in existence at the time Maudslay collected his booty prohibiting the export of pre-Hispanic treasures.

But Dr Florescano acknowledges that law carried little international weight today. Which is why he appealed to the moral sense of the British Museum, arguing that "Looting and collecting are the worse enemies of cultural and scientific study".

The Mexican Government would now like to explore diplomatic channels to get the Maudslay Lintels back. Should that fail, the British Museum should perhaps steel itself for a possible theft attempt.

Outrage at the fact that a prized Mayan treasure was in a Paris museum – having also been spirited out of Mexico in the nineteenth century – a hot-headed Mexican private citizen went to Paris seven years ago and robbed the treasure back.

Interpol grabbed him when he was back in Mexico but by this time the Mayan piece was back in its place of origin. The Mexican authorities saw to it that the man's punishment was appropriately light.

John Carlin

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales attends a Commonwealth Development Corporation board meeting, 33 Hill Street, W1, 11.

The Princess of Wales opens the Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre, Kidderminster, 11.10.

Prince Andrew attends the Royal Aero Club Council dinner, Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, 6.15.

Princess Anne opens the Linear Accelerator Unit, Regional Radiotherapy and Oncology Centre, Horfield Road, Bristol, 10.30; and later opens the Careers for the 1980's exhibition, Bristol Exhibition Centre, 11.20; she then visits Knowle West Initiative and Knowle West Employment Venture, Knowle West, Bristol, 2.30.

Princess Michael of Kent attends the Gold and Silver Ball, the Cafe Royal, London, 8.

New exhibitions

Relief constructions and drawings by Alan Reynolds: Juda Rowan Gallery, Tottenham Mews, W1: Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 1 (ends April 12).

Works by Geoffrey Bawa: Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, W1: Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30 (ends April 3).

Recent paintings by John Hitchens: Montpelier Studio, 4 Montpelier Street, SW7: Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 1 (ends March 26).

To the Kwai and Back: war drawings by Ronald Searle: Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50 (ends July 6).

Contrasts in Danish art: paintings and prints: SAGA, Scandinavian Art, 3 Elystan Street, SW3: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 (ends March 22).

Watercolours by various artists: Bell Gallery, 13 Adelaide Park, Belfast: Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Sat 9 to 1 (ends March 27).

Benson and Hedges Awards Exhibition 1985 to 86: Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast: Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends March 28)

Careers for the 1980's: Bristol Exhibition Centre: today 1 to 4.30, Fri 10 to 4.30, Sat and Sun 10 to 5 (until March 9).

Music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Early Music Consort: Lower College Hall, St Andrews University, 8.

Recital by Sarah Vivian (soprano) and Patricia Williams (piano): St Olave Hart, EC3, 1.05.

Recital by the Aranjuez Guitar Trio: Churchill Hall, Worksop College, Notts, 7.45.

Piano recital by Pascal Roge: The Great Hall, Lancaster University, 7.30.

Concert by the Auriol String Quartet: The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, 1.

Concert by the Oxford Chamber Choir and Orchestra: New College Chapel, Oxford, 8.15.

Recital by The Tavern Fiddlers, 1.15: Concert by the London College of Music Symphony Orchestra, 7.30: St John's, Smith Square, SW1.

Talks and lectures

The Influences of Post-War European and American abstract art on British painting in the late 50's, by Jasia Riechardt, Toni del Renzio and Ralph Rumney: Warwick Arts Trust, St George's Drive, SW1, 6.30.

The European View: Artists in Lebanon, by Charles Newton: Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14, 6.30.

The making of a documentary in the Soviet Union, by Olivia Lichenstein (co-producer), Menhuim Room, Portsmouth Central Library, 7.30

Eileen Illtyd David memorial lecture on Human Rights, by Lord Scarman: Taliesin Arts Centre, University College, Swansea, 7.30.

General

East Anglia Spring Antiques Fair: The Athenaeum, Angel Hill, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 2 to 8.

Sale of printed books: Bloomsbury Book Auctions, Hardwick Street, EC1, 10.30 and 2.30.

Books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

FICTION

Alice in Bed, by Cathleen Schine (Grafton, £2.95)
Death is no Sportsman, by Cyril Hare (Faber, £3.95)
Eric's Choice, by Ursula Holden (Methuen, £3.50)
The Passionate Friends, by H.G. Wells. Introduction by Victoria Glendinning (Hogarth, £3.95)

NON-FICTION

An Open Elite, England 1540-1880, abridged edition by Lawrence Stone and Jeanne C. Fawtier Stone (Oxford, £6.95)
London Perceived, by V.S. Pritchett (Hogarth, £3.95)
Primavera, by Umberto Baldini, translated by Mary Fitton (Sidgwick & Jackson, £8.95)
Robert Graves, Selected Poems, edited by Paul O'Prey (Penguin, £3.95)
Roman Britain, by John Wacher (Dent, £4.50)
Thomas Creevey's Papers, 1793-1838, selected and edited by John Gore (Penguin, £5.95) PH

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.05
Austria Sch	23.70	22.50
Belgium Fr	69.80	66.00
Canada $	2.13	2.04
Denmark Kr	12.60	11.90
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.37
France Fr	10.43	9.88
Germany Dm	3.39	3.21
Greece Dr	243.00	218.00
Hong Kong $	11.70	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.127	1.067
Italy Lira	2300.00	2180.00
Japan Yen	274.00	260.00
Netherlands Gld	3.82	3.63
Norway Kr	10.68	10.13
Portugal Esc	221.50	210.50
South Africa Rd	3.10	2.80
Spain Pta	211.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.885	2.715
USA $	1.52	1.45
Yugoslavia Dnr	510.00	4.50.00

Retail Price Index: 379.7

London: The *FT* Index closed down 20.0 at 1301.3.

Anniversaries

Births: **Michelangelo**, Capres Italy, 1475; **Elizabeth Barrett Browning**, Durham, 1806; **George du Maurier**, caricaturist and novelist, Paris, 1834.

Deaths: **Louisa May Alcott**, author of *Little Women*, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; **Gottlieb Daimler**, Mechanical engineer, pioneer of internal-combustion engine, Cannstatt, Germany, 1900; **John Redmond**, Irish nationalist, London, 1918; **John Phillip Sousa**, bandmaster and composer, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1932; **Zoltán Kodály**, composer, Budapest, 1967; **Pearl Buck**, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971.

£250,000 bond

The winning number of this month's £250,000 Premium Bond prize is 7CZ 467210. The winner comes from Dunbartonshire.

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Roadworks SW of Birmingham between junction 4 (Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich): two lanes southbound and only one northbound; no northbound access at junction 5 and a 50 mph mandatory speed limit. **M5:** Contraflow W of Birmingham between junctions 2 (A4123 Dudley/Birmingham) and 3 (A456 Halesowen); two lanes in each direction. **M1:** Northbound traffic reduced to two lanes on the northbound carriageway between junctions 15 and 16.

Wales and West: A38: Repairs at Ashburton delaying traffic travelling between Ashburton and Plymouth. **A39:** Lane restrictions at the junction with the A361. **M5:** Outside lane closed northbound between junction 15 (M4) and 16 (Filton).

The North: A1: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between Blyth and Wadworth, Co Durham. **A49:** Traffic lights in use at Bickley N of Whitchurch. **M6:** Contraflow at peak times on the southbound carriageway between junctions 17 and 17.

Scotland: A85: Construction with traffic control along A85 East High Street, Crieff. **A74:** Southbound inside lane closure around the clock S of the A702 (Elvanfoot Road End), Lanarkshire. **A73:** Inside lane closed on both carriageways between Maryville interchange (junction 1) and (junction 2).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on plight of elderly. London Docklands Railway (City Extension) Bill, second reading.

Lords (3.00): Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill, committee stage.

Snow Reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	60	140	fair	heavy	fair	cloud	7
Snow thawing at 2000m							
St Anton	60	300	good	fair	good	fine	0
Good skiing							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	165	200	fair	varied	good	fine	8
Good skiing above 2100m							
La Plagne	145	280	hard	crust	hard	sun	-2
Skiing good, but need but need new snow							
Les Arcs	130	180	good	varied	fair	fine	5
Slush on lower slopes							
Val Thorens	190	385	good	crust	good	fine	5
Some hard patches on piste							
SWITZERLAND							
C Montana	110	160	good	varied	fair	thaw	7
Pistes becoming slushy							
St Moritz	80	165	good	varied	fair	thaw	7
Wet snow on some lower slopes							
Wengen	45	110	fair	heavy	good	fine	8
Spring condibons							
Zermatt	85	190	good	varied	good	sun	1
Excellent skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Weather forecast

Deep depression N of Scotland will move slowly NE.

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands, E England: Scattered showers, sunny periods; wind SW moderate or fresh veering NW; max temp 8C (46F).

SE, central S England: Showers, sunny intervals; wind SW fresh locally strong veering NW; max temp 8C (46F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW, central N England, Wales: Showers, some heavy, sunny intervals; wind SW fresh or strong locally gale veering NW; max temp 8C (46F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Showers, some heavy with hail and thunder, sunny intervals; wind SW strong to gale veering NW; max temp 7C (45F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Scattered showers, sunny intervals; wind SW fresh or strong locally gale veering NW; max temp 7C (45F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy with showers or outbreaks of rain, brighter later; wind SW strong to gale locally severe gale veering NW; max temp 6C (43F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry on Friday, further rain later. Temperatures near normal, frost in places overnight.

Sun Rises: 6.36 am Sun Sets: 5.49 pm
Moon rises: 5.18 am Moon sets: 12.21 pm
New Moon: March 10.

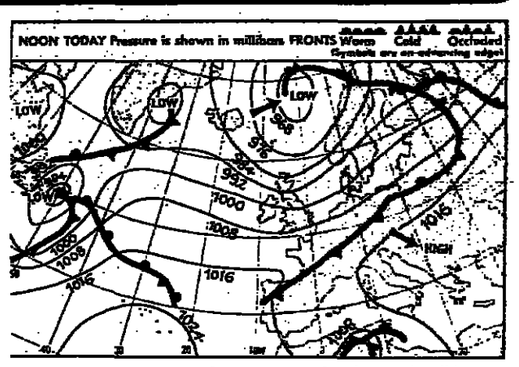
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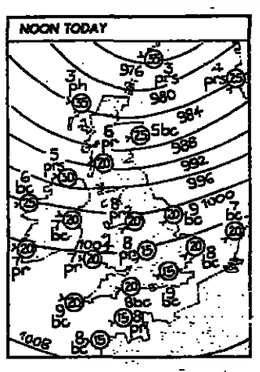
London 6.19 pm to 6.04 am
Bristol 6.29 pm to 6.13 am
Edinburgh 6.27 pm to 6.20 am
Manchester 6.26 pm to 6.14 am
Penzance 6.42 pm to 6.24 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	7	45	Guernsey	r	8	46
B'mingham	f	10	50	Inverness	s	6	43
Blackpool	r	6	43	Jersey	r	9	48
Bristol	f	13	52	London	c	9	48
Cardiff	f	9	48	Manchester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	c	7	45	Newcastle	s	9	48
Glasgow	f	7	45	R'nldsway	f	8	46





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; mist-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9 46	5.9	10.28	5.9
Aberdeen	9.49	3.4	10.47	3.6
Avonmouth	3.00	9.8	3.45	9.9
Belfast	7.26	2.9	8.12	2.9
Cardiff	2.45	9.2	3.30	9.3
Devonport	1.32	4.3	2.39	4.2
Dover	7.13	5.2	8.12	5.2
Falmouth	1.02	4.1	2.09	4.0
Glasgow	9.49	4.1	9.40	4.0
Harwich	7.55	3.2	8.33	3.1
Holyhead	8.49	4.5	7.42	4.6
Hull	2.18	5.9	2.54	5.9
Ilfracombe	1.55	6.9	2.47	7.0
Leith	11.08	4.5	11.55	4.6
Liverpool	7.30	7.5	8.19	7.6
Lowestoft	5.43	2.1	5.57	2.0
Margate	7.57	4.0	8.36	3.9
Milford Haven	2.13	5.3	3.07	5.3
Newquay	1.12	5.4	2.04	5.4
Oban	2.57	3.0	3.52	3.0
Penzance	12.48	4.3	1.48	4.2
Portland	2.31	1.4	3.39	1.3
Portsmouth	7.41	3.7	8.43	3.8
Shoreham	7.24	4.9	8.20	5.1
Southampton	7.13	3.8	8.14	4.0
Swansea	2.26	7.2	3.12	7.3
Tees			12.25	4.3
Wton-on-Nze	7.47	3.4	8.30	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					Ilfracombe	-	.25	9	48	rain
Scarboro	-	.11	9	48	dull	Tenby	-	.76	9	48	rain
Bridlington	-	.07	8	46	cloudy	Aberyn Bay	-	.26	10	50	rain
Cromer	-	.22	8	46	drizzle	Morecambe	-	1.19	7	45	rain
Lowestoft	-	.18	7	45	rain	Douglas	-	1.09	9	48	rain
Clacton	-	.38	5	41	rain						
Margate	-	x	x	x	x	**ENGLAND AND WALES**					
SOUTH COAST						London	-	.16	9	48	rain
Folkestone	-	.25	4	39	rain	B'hams Airpt	0.2	.30	10	50	rain
Hastings	-	.27	5	41	rain	Bristol (City)	-	.08	10	50	rain
Eastbourne	-	.28	7	45	rain	Cardiff (Cnl)	-	1.25	8	46	rain
Brighton	-	.33	4	39	rain	Anglesey	-	.87	7	45	rain
Worthing	-	.27	6	43	rain	B'pool Airpt	0.1	.63	7	45	rain
Littlehmptn	-	.25	6	43	rain	Manchester	-	.44	11	52	rain
Bognor R	-	.26	6	43	rain	Nottingham	-	.06	10	50	rain
Southsea	-	.21	7	45	rain	N'cstl-o-Tyne	-	-	12	54	rain
Sandown	-	.11	8	46	rain	Carlisle	-	.14	10	50	rain
Shanklin	-	.12	8	46	rain	**SCOTLAND**					
Bournemth	-	.11	8	46	rain	Eskdalemuir	0.8	.39	10	50	rain
Poole	-	.11	9	48	rain	Prestwick	-	.46	11	52	rain
Swanage	-	.08	8	46	rain	Glasgow	-	.45	10	50	rain
Weymouth	-	.09	7	45	rain	Tiree	-	.58	10	50	rain
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy	Stornoway	-	1.11	10	50	rain
Teignmouth	-	-	11	52	dull	Lerwick	-	.24	4	39	rain
Torquay	-	.01	10	50	drizzle	Wick	1.5	.37	10	50	cloudy
Falmouth	-	.07	10	50	drizzle	Kinloss	2.0	.06	12	54	bright
Penzance	-	.12	11	52	drizzle	Aberdeen	2.0	.09	12	54	cloudy
Jersey	-	.02	8	46	drizzle	St. Andrews	x	x	x	x	x
Guernsey	-	-	10	50	dull	Edinburgh	0.1	.03	11	52	rain
WEST COAST											
Scilly Isles	-	.04	10	50	fog	**NORTHERN IRELAND**					
Newquay	-	.06	10	50	rain	Belfast	-	.22	11	52	rain

These are Tuesday's figures.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; ss, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Cologne	c	9	48	Majorca	s	15	59
Akrotiri	s	18	64	C'pehgn	c	3	37	Malaga	d	12	54
Alex'dria*	t	22	72	Corfu	f	15	59	Malta	s	17	63
Algiers	f	17	63	Dublin	r	8	46	Melb'rne*	s	24	75
Amst'dam	r	7	45	Dubrovnk	s	13	55	Mexico C*	s	17	63
Athens	f	16	61	Faro	s	16	61	Milan*	s	22	72
Bahrain*	f	21	70	Florence	s	12	54	Milan	r	6	43
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	r	5	41	Montreal*	f	3	37
Barcelna	c	13	55	Funchal	s	18	64	Moscow	f	-2	28
Beirut	-	-	-	Geneva	s	8	46	Munich	c	9	48
Belgrade	f	4	39	Gibraltar	r	14	57	Nairobi	f	27	81
Berlin	r	4	39	Helsinki	sn	-2	28	Naples	s	15	59
Bermuda*	s	22	72	Hong K.	s	21	70	N Delhi	s	27	81
Biarritz	s	15	59	Innsbruck	c	0	32	N York*	f	6	43
Boul'ne	c	6	43	Istanbul	c	5	41	Nice	s	14	57
Borde'x	s	15	59	Jeddah	s	31	88	Oslo	sn	0	32
Brussels	c	7	45	Jo'burg*	f	25	77	Paris	c	8	46
Budapst	fg	-3	27	Karachi*	s	30	86	Peking	s	13	55
B Aires*	s	23	73	L Palmas	f	19	66	Perth	f	22	72
Cairo	s	24	75	Lisbon	s	15	59	Prague	c	3	37
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Locarno	s	7	45	Reykjvik	sl	1	34
C'blanca	c	14	57	Luxembg	c	4	39	Rhodes	f	18	61
Chicago*	f	4	39	L Angels*	c	16	61	Riyadh	r	17	63
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	13	55	Rio de J.	t	27	81
								Salzburg	c	6	43
								S Paulo*	c	25	77
								S Frisco*	fg	12	54
								Santiago*	s	28	82
								Seoul	s	10	50
								Sing'pore	r	29	84
								Stockholm	sn	-1	30
								Strasb'rg	c	5	41
								Sydney	s	27	81
								Tangier	f	16	61
								Tel Aviv	s	21	70
								Tenerife	f	18	64
								Tokyo	r	9	48
								Toronto*	c	2	36
								Tunis	s	17	63
								Valencia	s	16	59
								Vanc'ver*	c	8	46
								Venice	s	7	45
								Vienna	c	0	32
								Warsaw	sn	2	36
								Wash'ton*	c	7	45
								Wel'ngtn	c	15	59
								Zurich	c	7	45

*denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week. Send must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

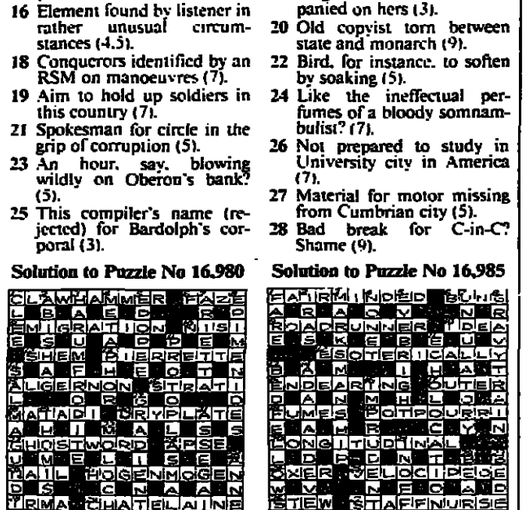
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DOWN

1 Reverses for the defence (5).
2 There's no place like his ideal home (7).
3 Real kebab is curiously brittle (9).
4 Rogue strikes smartly in local disturbance (11).
5 Species of ox Arthur's seneschal raised (3).
6 Carbonaceous rock about right for supporting marine polyps (5).
7 One church composer's glacial frigidity (7).
8 Being misrepresented, girl's got wrong boy (9).
13 Slips up about transport for an antique firearm (11).
14 Anticipate everyone's support for widespread growth (9).
16 Element found by listener in rather unusual circumstances (4,5).
18 Conquerors identified by an RSM on manoeuvres (7).
19 Aim to hold up soldiers in this country (7).
21 Spokesman for circle in the grip of corruption (5).
23 An hour, say, blowing wildly on Oberon's bank? (5).
25 This compiler's name (rejected) for Bardolph's corporal (3).

ACROSS

1 Fruit it's improper to cover up, we hear (9).
6 Novice rebuked about this issue (5).
9 Come together for a photograph? (5-2).
10 Senior officers, say, for a body of sailors in flat-bottomed boats (7).
11 Endure punishment (5).
12 Faction has unusual role for Spanish gentleman (9).
14 Devotee of the Lady of the Lake? (3).
15 Sound conductor, honest and of military bearing (4,7).
17 Row with potential keeper helps us reach our target (5-6).
19 A girl returned unaccompanied on hers (3).
20 Old copyist torn between state and monarch (9).
22 Bird, for instance, to soften by soaking (5).
24 Like the ineffectual perfumes of a bloody somnambulist? (7).
26 Not prepared to study in University city in America (7).
27 Material for motor missing from Cumbrian city (5).
28 Bad break for C-in-C? Shame (9).

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